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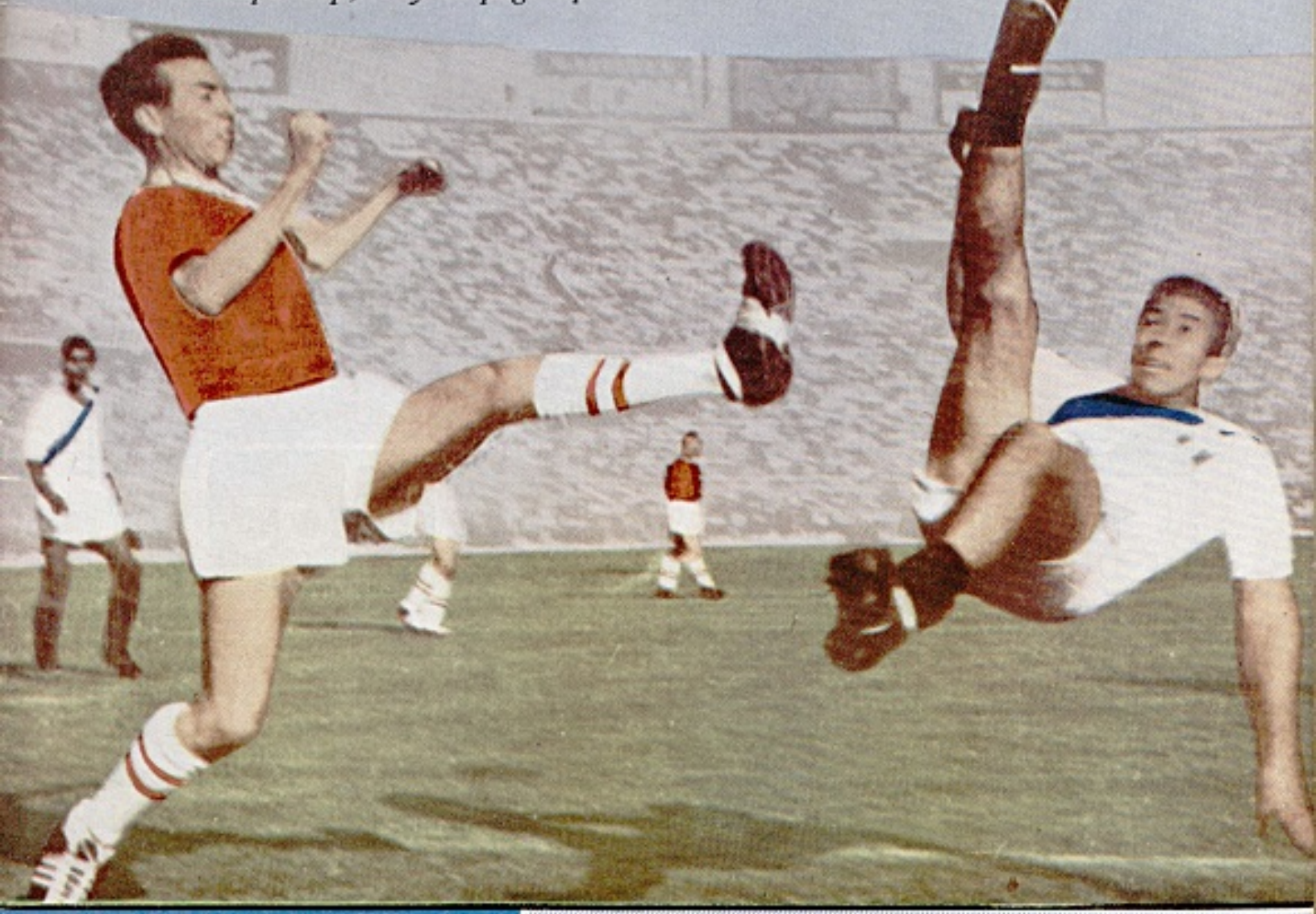

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On Page 21 of this issue full details appear of the 1,850 pages of facts, sixteen colour plates and over 200 other photographs produced in **"Association Football"** by **The Caxton Publishing Co. Ltd., 341 Morley Hall, 25/26 St. George Street, London, W.1.**

AN EYE-CATCHER

FAR ahead of its popular contemporaries in the field, the Topical Times Football Book has maintained and indeed improved on the high standard it set itself in last year's edition. With eye-catching layout and cleverly produced photographs in colour and black and white there are articles by Cliff Jones, Stan Anderson, Ray Pointer, Andy Kerr, Peter Bonetti and many others. Exciting new features pull this annual away from the rather obvious approach of its rivals. For young and old alike the Topical Times Football Annual is highly recommended. **Published by D. C. Thomson & Co. Ltd., London, at 8s. 6d.**

NUMBER THREE

BY now the International Football Book has become an annual soccer event of some literary standing. Number three in the series does not fall behind the previous two. It is true to say that the growth of world soccer during the past couple of years has added to the impact of the International Football Book. The publication itself can lay claim to its share of increasing a wider knowledge of the global game. Generously illustrated and well written, the contributors include Brian Glanville, Gordon Jeffery, Geoffrey Green, Willy Meisl, Jimmy McIlroy, Phil Woosnam and Ferenc Puskas. Edited as usual by Stratton Smith, the International Football Book Number Three is published by **The Souvenir Press Ltd., 34 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1, at 12s. 6d.**

RECOMMEND

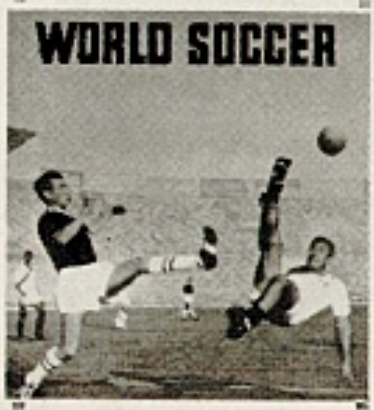
TOTTENHAM wing - half Dave Mackay has been called 'Soccer's most exciting character' . In his autobiography entitled 'Soccer my Spur' you can discover some of the important factors that do in fact make this soccer dynamo tick over. There are sides of his character revealed that are perhaps unknown as yet to those other than his closest friends.

It is easy to see how much he loves the game during a career from Scottish junior football to the captaincy of Hearts and then to a place of equal soccer prominence with the fabulous Spurs.

To read more of the career of this Scottish International who has yet to reach his peak of achievement, then **'Soccer My Spur' published by Stanley Paul & Co. Ltd., Great Portland Street, London W.1. at 15s.** is a recommended purchase.

this month's front cover

In the humidity of Peru, England winger Doug Holden (left) clashes with home outside-left Seminario during the 1959 international. Peru were successful by the convincing margin of 4-1 during one of the finest phases of the game in this South American country.



. . . and coming next month

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Chelsea goalkeeper Peter Bonetti collects from Villa outside-left Harry Burrows while John Sillett guards his colleague. On the extreme left is Peter Sillett the Chelsea captain who had the misfortune to break a leg shortly afterwards. (W.I.)

Spurs' crown already slipping?

The current English season promises much and has already surprised many people says ***JACK ROLLIN***

ARE Spurs slipping? That question was on the lips of everyone after only a couple of weeks of the new season. Tottenham had dropped three points to one club, West Ham United, a situation almost unheard of last season. Moreover the victories over Blackpool away 2-1 and Arsenal at home 4-3 showed some weaknesses in the Tottenham armour.

It is only fair to point out that two of the most valuable players were absent for some matches through injury — Dave Mackay and John White. While Tony Marchi has been an adequate replacement at left-half, the inside-right position has had no satisfactory cover. Spurs will have to enter the transfer market in order to maintain a position in international club affairs.

It is perhaps significant to record that Spurs did not have these two players away together at any time last season and indeed White played in every League match.

Yet at full strength there is little evidence to diagnose an other than healthy season for the champions. But already manager Bill Nicholson has had the worry of injuries to key players, coming at a time, too, when European Cup dates with the Polish champions Gornik Zabrze were down for completion. For a club intending to uphold the honour of the country in Europe's premier club competition, this was unfortunate.

But if Tottenham have disappointed, neighbouring Arsenal have shown signs of a revival at long last. Eve-of-the-season "rebels" Mel Charles and George Eastham re-signed and with newcomers Laurie Brown and Johnny McLeod, the Gunners have been a spirited combination. Only disastrous defensive lapses have caused their downfall.

Yet London lagged behind Sheffield during this period. Wednesday, with former Spurs wing-half Vic Buckingham as Team Manager became early leaders. Gone was the reliance on a strong defence allied to the use of the "long" ball in attack. Maximum possession and shorter passing has turned a shot-shy attack into a menace practically overnight. And the same eleven players have been utilised!

Newly-promoted United have had their moments, too. Clearly their senior players, who have been together for about three years now, are capable of retaining a healthy position in the upper sphere. Both Manchester clubs, United and City, have equally impressed. City's new boys, Peter Dobing and Bobby Kennedy have compensated for the loss of Denis Law now in Italy.

Following a breathless "will-he, won't-he" episode with Jimmy Greaves, it seems likely that the former Chelsea inside-forward will be playing for Milan for some time to come. In his absence Chelsea have had added worries. Skipper Peter Sillett unfortunately broke a leg against Aston Villa and the loss of Greaves has hit the club where it hurts most—at the turnstiles.

As expected the teething troubles experienced by the England side in trying to find replacements for Greaves and Gerry Hitchens, starring now with Internazionale of Milan, are not over. Jimmy Robson of Burnley has had his chance at inside-right, but was not as impressive as the still comparatively inexperienced Johnny Byrne of Crystal Palace. Strangely enough Spurs best performance of August was against the "England" side at White Hart Lane when they won 3-2. Only just over 36,000 watched the match though many absentees were away during the holiday fortnight which clashed with the fixture.

Attendances as a whole have proved interesting. The opening Saturday threw a panic into the Football League when figures were over 100,000 down compared with the opening day last season. But since then although no steady increase has been recorded, it is too early to form any opinion.

But at a meeting of the League Management Committee, the revolutionary idea of eleven up and eleven down was discussed —and that is a guide to the seriousness with which the League viewed the position on the first Saturday. The "New Deal" for players seems to be working out well with only a score of "rebels" left to be dealt with by the joint committee. Already a higher standard of play has been noticed. The successful clubs will prosper.

In Division Two, Liverpool have confirmed the pre-season praise lavished on them but Sunderland have been slow to show to advantage. Not so Walsall who have confounded their critics with some useful performances. New Third Division clubs Crystal Palace and Peterborough have continued their winning ways.

Looking ahead to the end of the present season the idea of a European Summer Tournament during May and June has a definite chance with the League clubs but at present enjoys the disagreement of the Football Association. Since it will clash with the World Cup Finals in Europe, some clubs—two will be drawn from England in the Tournament—will be without their top players; not a pleasing prospect.

IT WAS SO EASY FOR URUGUAY

INTERNATIONAL POST-MORTEM by ERIC BATTY

THE period under review is always a lean one for football and any survey on an international level is practically impossible unless it is devoted almost exclusively to purely domestic issues. Nowadays, however, with the European Cup following automatically on any championship success even the most obscure countries can claim a little general interest for *World Soccer* readers.

On the international field only two matches have been played. Finland after a much better than normal performance against Norway fell back to their former standards in being beaten by four clear goals in Sweden. This in itself is no disgrace at any time for the Swedes are generally a match for anyone on their own soil, but the Finns might well have been hoping for a point that would count for the Nordisk Cup. The current series of the Scandinavians' own international championship is now certain to be decided exclusively between Sweden and Denmark. Both countries have been sadly weakened by the efforts of the scouts from Italy and Spain but generally speaking the Swedes have a deeper well from which to draw their talent and though this is not the only reason why I think they will win the title it is likely to be a decisive factor.

In South America the new football season is now well under way, but after the feverish activity of spring and early summer when almost every club undertook a tour of some description the clubs are now devoting themselves to their national championship. Here the only match of an international character played recently was the World Cup decider between Uruguay and Bolivia in Montevideo, won by the home side 2-1. At home they were expected to win by a comfortable margin after drawing 1-1 in La Paz but the goal spree did not materialise. The Uruguayans can be said to have qualified in La Paz for it was only there that the Bolivians had much chance of winning. Peopled largely by Indians the country is rough and rugged and though football is extremely popular the country lacks the resources in talent and finance to develop the game to a high level. If the standard of play is generally low, La Paz itself is quite the opposite—14,000 feet above sea level—and the Uruguayans were more than wise to allow their players 14 days settling in before they had to play there.

The Uruguayan side is still dominated by the Penarol/Nacional combination though after the latter had been on top for several years Penarol have made a great come-back in the last two seasons, thanks to some very wise signings in Peru and Ecuador. Despite the foreign influence Penarol still provide half the side for the international fixtures.

The population of London is four times that of the whole of Uruguay and yet with incredible regularity Uruguay have produced world class teams and twice won the Jules Rimet Cup. Inevitably this draws attention from clubs across the Rio Plata in Buenos Aires and also from the top teams in Europe. A steady stream of players is therefore bled away from Montevideo, almost as fast as they are produced but still the process of development goes on. The latest transfer from Uruguay is Monaco's capture, 25-year-old inside-forward, Oscar Cobas. The top scorer in Uruguay in 1959 and again in 1960, Cobas cost the French club £40,000.

Joe Baker the Scottish International centre-forward now with Torino, walks with one of his new Italian admirers after a training session in Turin. (Planet.)

Cobas, who is of French descent and not therefore counted as a "full" foreigner by the FFF authorities in Paris, rattled in 39 goals for his old club, Bela Vista, last season.

In Europe only the more northern countries play their football from spring to autumn and even these take a short breather during the hottest weeks of the summer. Only Russia ploughs right through, probably in case the winter should come down unexpectedly early and force the championship to be abandoned before it is completed.

This season the Cup and league holders, Torpedo Moscow, have continued their successful run through at the moment their lead in group one has been cut to a single point but they have the advantage of having played two games less than their nearest challengers Avantgarde Kharkov. Torpedo's most recent results were a 7-1 away win over a middle of the table club, Neftjanik Baku, followed by a hard fight with their local rivals Lokomotive Moscow. Lokomotive, with international inside-left Valentin Babukin outstanding, won 1-0 though the result does not necessarily mean a Torpedo slump. Wherever the game is played the top teams are frequently beaten by neighbouring clubs for the "needle" of a local derby and the atmosphere from the packed terraces affects everyone.

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International Post-Mortem

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Dynamo Moscow, once Russia's most successful and best known teams, have been through a lean spell recently and are now in the process of rejuvenating their side. This task is not yet completed though their officials and supporters must be as much encouraged by the results of recent weeks, which show a distinct improvement. The revival started with a five to two win over Moldova Kischinjow which in itself is no feat but the following week-end Dynamo took on the league leaders Dynamo Kiev and whacked them 5-0! This result toppled Kiev from the head of the table and since then another Moscow club, ZDSA, has taken over the leadership.

Dynamo's recovery comes too late for their fans to hope for the top place in Group II but Spartak Moscow provided them with their third scalp in successive weeks and helped them up into the top six. Spartak with all their well-known players in action were beaten 3-1—and it is now more than ever likely that they too will be forced to introduce one or two younger players to take over from their ageing stars.

The Russian league set up is now in its second year in the new form. Two sections each with twelve clubs compete separately and then at the end of this first stage the top five clubs from each group play off for the league title.

Two-thirds of the 22-match programme has been completed in Poland where Gornik Zabrze are still unbeaten and having things much their own way. Twice they have been held to a draw away from home but their goals tally of 43 for and only 7 against more or less speaks for itself. Gornik were promoted from the second division only five seasons ago and starting almost from scratch, trainer Dziwisz has built them up to the point where half the side is certain to be called on for duty in any representative team.

Lechia Gdansk have a strange looking goal record. In fourteen matches they have found the net only 10 times, but thanks largely to the fine performances of international centre-half Korynt they have conceded only nine! In their last match Lechia visited the capital for a match with the Army club Legia, at first nominated as the Polish representatives in the new European Cup series, and won by the lowest possible 1-0 margin. Legia, who can field almost an all international team, exhibited their greatest weakness in this match — poor finishing — for while their approach play is always good and often immaculate they cannot score goals with any degree of regularity.

Two seasons ago LKS Lodz surprised even themselves by winning the Polish championship, but now they are in grave danger of being relegated. Like Legia they are goal shy and unless they can overcome this weakness quickly only two factors could save them from the drop to the second division. Both of these things that could save Lodz come from Bydgoszcz in the shape of the city's two clubs Polonia and Zawisza, at present situated immediately below Lodz, who have nine points and are two better off than both their companions in distress.

For the first time in several years Honved are at the top of the Hungarian league table. Their hold on top place might well be slender for after only two matches it is early to be hoping for a championship success. For Mr. Sebes the man who built the Hungarian national team of 1952-56, the two victories will provide much needed encouragement. He took over Honved's fortunes only last season, at a time when little would go right for them and only right-half Joszef Bozsik remained of the old guard. To build a new team was no easy task and though Bozsik, Tichy and left-half Kotasz were experienced players the rest of the side has come from the club's junior teams. The Honved victims were Dorogi Banyasz (3-1) away and Csepel 4-1 at home, but meantime the reigning champions Vasas thrashed Gyor 7-0. Both the new players Pal I and Pal II turned out for their new club and both did well. The younger of the two at outside-left scored one of the Vasas goals as did international left-back Sarosi—but as usual it was centre-forward Ferenc Machos who took the eye in this department with a hat trick! For their second match Vasas had to meet Ujpest Dozsa, the team they toppled from the championship during the closing weeks of last season and no doubt extremely anxious to show that their lapse was not to be continued. The result was probably satisfactory to both sides —a goal-less draw.

The most attractive match on the opening day of the Hungarian season was the all Budapest affair Csepel v. Ferencvaros which drew a crowd of 35,000 to the giant Nepstadion. The next largest crowd was only 18,000, poor by comparison, but satisfactory nevertheless in view of the fact that the average for the day in first division games was 15,000. For central European countries 10-15,000 is a good gate for their cities are generally only supported by about a million people and the top teams have to compete among themselves for the football enthusiasts.

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Katona, goalkeeper of the Hungarian side "The Metalworkers of Ozd" played brilliantly when his side defeated Vasas. Here he makes a typically spectacular clearance. (Keystone.)

games with Scotland and Eire coming up any special matches to celebrate the event would only interfere with the preparation of the national team. Dukla fans no doubt think that their team's success in the New York tournament is celebration enough and if the World Cup squad gains the necessary points from their visit to the British Isles this will probably have to suffice.

Dukla's first league game after their return from the United States was not a particularly impressive affair. Though the Army team was well on top and kept their opponents Dinamo Zilina defending for most of the game, the Dukla shooting was poor. Over and over again they prized open the Dinamo rearguard and then either failed to shoot quickly enough or accurately enough. Last season's leading goalscorer Rudolf Kucera was presented with a trophy to mark the feat before the Dukla-Dynamo match but almost as if he were embarrassed by it all he had a quiet game. Occasionally he flitted into the proceedings momentarily and though he did show a few useful touches he looked like a good player having an off day. This perhaps could have been applied to the entire Dukla team, but despite this they won 3-1, Borovicka (2) and Masopust being their scorers. Left-half Josef Masopust invariably spends most of his time up with the Dukla attack and this game was no exception. Seven times he got in shots at the Dinamo goal before he scored five minutes from the end . . . from two yards out!

Finally an interesting note concerning a recent friendly in Rotterdam. Feyenoord played Valencia and the attendance was no less than 63,000.

TOP SIXES IN SOME LEAGUES AND THE TOTO TABLES

DENMARK

	Pld.	Pts.
Odense 1913	11	16
Kobenhavn BK	11	16
Aarhus GF	11	15
Esbjerg	11	14
Odense 1909	11	11
Kobenhavn 1903	11	11

HUNGARY

	Pld.	Pts.
Honved	2	4
Tatabanya	2	4
Vasas Budapest	2	3
Ferencvaros	2	3
MTK	2	3
Ujpest Dozsa	2	3

RUSSIA

Group I

	Pld.	Pts.
Torpedo Moscow	16	25
Avantgarde Kharkov	18	24
Lokomotive Moscow	17	22
Dynamo Tiflis	17	21
ASK Rostov	16	19
Neftjanik Baku	17	15

Group II

	Pld.	Pts.
ZDSA	18	27
Dynamo Kiev	18	25
Pachtakor Taschkent	19	23
Spartak Moscow	18	22
Dynamo Moscow	19	21
Spartak Jerevan	18	19

EAST GERMANY

	Pld.	Pts.
Empor Rostock	13	20
Dynamo Berlin	13	20
Vorwarts Berlin	13	19
Motor Jena	13	14
Aufbau Magdeburg	13	14
Wismut Karl Marx Stadt	13	13

POLAND

	Pld.	Pts.
Gornik Zabrze	14	26
Polonia Bytom	14	21
Legia Warsaw	14	17
Ruch Chorzow	14	16
Wisla Krakow	14	15
Odra Opole	14	16

CHILE

	Pld.	Pts.
Palestino	4	7
S. Morning	4	6
Colo Colo	4	6
U. de Chile	4	6
U. Catolica	4	5
Wanderers	4	5

BULGARIA

	Pld.	Pts.
CDNA	25	38
Levski Sofia	25	30
Botev Plovdiv	25	27
Minior Dimitrovo	25	27
Marek	25	27
Lokomotiv Sofia	25	25

SCOTTISH SECTION ONE LEAGUE CUP

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
Hibernian	2	0	2	9	5	6
Celtic	2	1	1	8	7	5
St. Johnstone	1	1	2	3	5	4
Partick Thistle	0	3	1	5	8	1

SECTION TWO

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
Motherwell	3	0	1	12	7	7
Dundee United	1	2	1	8	10	3
Aberdeen	1	2	1	8	10	3
Dunfermline	0	1	3	2	3	3

SECTION THREE

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
Rangers	4	0	0	13	3	8
Dundee	2	2	0	11	7	4
Third Lanark	1	2	1	5	11	3
Airdrieonians	0	3	1	3	11	1

SECTION FOUR

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
St. Mirren	3	1	0	6	6	6
Hearts	2	2	0	4	5	4
Kilmarnock	2	2	0	14	5	4
Raith Rovers	1	3	0	4	12	2

SECTION FIVE

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
Stirling Albion	4	0	0	14	6	8
Berwick Rangers	3	1	0	9	7	6
Stranraer	0	3	1	4	9	1
Alloa	0	3	1	5	10	1

SECTION SIX

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
Hamilton Acas.	3	0	1	10	5	7
Clyde	3	1	0	12	7	6
Montrose	1	2	1	8	8	3
Stenhousemuir	0	4	0	4	14	0

SECTION SEVEN

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
East Fife	4	0	0	18	5	8
Queen of South	2	2	0	6	4	4
Arbroath	2	2	0	4	6	4
Brechin City	0	4	0	0	17	0

SECTION EIGHT

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
Ayr United	3	0	1	9	5	7
Falkirk	1	0	3	5	4	5
Cowdenbeath	1	1	2	9	9	4
Dumbarton	0	4	0	5	10	0

SECTION NINE

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pt.
Albion Rovers	3	0	0	13	6	6
Queen's Park	2	1	0	7	5	4
East Stirling	2	1	0	7	6	4
Morton	1	2	0	4	8	2
Forfar Athletic	0	4	0	5	11	0

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Final Tables (prior to Finals)

Group I

	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Slovan Bratislava	4	2	0	16	4	10
Vorwarts	2	1	3	13	10	5
Odra Opole	2	1	3	8	16	5
Wiener A.C.	1	2	3	9	16	4

Group II

Banik Ostrava	5	1	0	24	7	11
Motor Jena	3	2	1	14	12	8
VfL Osnabruck	2	0	4	9	14	4
Grazer AK	0	1	5	9	23	1

Group III

Spartak Kralove	3	2	1	15	12	8
Gornik Zabrze	3	1	2	17	14	7
Dynamo Berlin	3	1	2	13	14	7
Wiener S.K.	1	0	5	15	20	2

Group IV

Vienna Wien	4	1	1	17	9	9
Tatran Presov	2	2	2	15	14	6
Loco Leipzig	3	0	3	7	11	6
Offenbach Kickers	1	1	4	13	18	3

Group V

Feyenoord	5	0	1	24	12	10
Schalke 04	4	0	2	22	12	8
IFK. Goteborg	1	1	4	12	22	3
Chaux de Fonds	1	1	4	11	23	3

Group VI

Ajax	4	1	1	26	8	9
Malmo	3	2	1	15	10	8
FK Pirmasens	3	1	2	17	19	7
Zurich	0	0	6	6	27	0

Group VII

Orgryte	4	2	0	15	7	10
Venlo	3	1	2	13	12	7
Ber. Neunkirchen	2	0	4	12	15	4
Grenchen	1	1	4	6	12	3

Group VIII

Sparta R'dam	5	0	1	23	12	10
Elfsborg	4	0	2	21	17	8
Tas. Berlin	1	1	4	11	16	3
Basle	1	1	4	9	19	3

Fontaine cycled his way to fitness

The progress report on Fontaine (seen left) is encouraging to the French.

He just spent the summer months in strenuous activity aimed at the strengthening of the muscles on his now happily mended leg. One French cycling correspondent went so far as to say that given a few more months' practise he would become a serious contender for a place in the Tour de France! Whether or not this was said in jest is of no importance. What is important is that Fontaine is progressing towards peak fitness again. Sensibly he has not spent the entire time cycling, which tends to over-develop muscles, but has sought relaxation in the cool waters of the Mediterranean, not forgetting to take a plastic football with him to play a friendly game on the beach afterwards.

All this, naturally, is of considerable morale-boosting value to the French national squad. The all-important match with Bulgaria on November 12 can be faced with confidence. Fontaine's return is scheduled for October. This date may well be brought forward. (Metelmann.)

French lift ban, but little action so far

JERRY WEINSTEIN
reports from France

THE 1961-62 football season opened in monumental calm half-way through August with most eyes focused on the international scene for in the weeks before Christmas we shall know whether France is to defend her splendid 1958 World Cup performance in distant Chile next summer.

Despite the lifting of the ban on foreign players, little enterprise has been shown. The best transfer from abroad has been that of the young Swiss international Pottier to Stade Français, though I fear he will find himself in a struggling side.

Racing are still the centre of the more colourful rumours. Before they played their first League match, they had acquired the services of Milos Milutinovic, the brilliant Yugoslav forward who, after over 30 caps for his country, has spent two years in Germany. Recovering from a serious pneumonia attack which necessitated the aid of a surgeon's knife, Milutinovic turned out for Racing in a friendly against Servette in Geneva and proceeded to score three goals! It remains to be seen whether Racing's gamble will succeed; having already failed to sign Akesbi (who joined Reims) and Douis (who joined Monaco). Racing seem strangely undecided as to whether or not to pursue a genuine policy of "stars".

The responsibilities and possibilities, financial and prestige, of the European Cup are again underlined by the activity of Monaco in the transfer market. They have acquired Artelesa from Troyes for £20,000, Yvan Douis from Le Havre for £30,000 and finally Oscar Cobas from Bella Vista of Montevideo for £35,000. Not bad for a club which has a following about the size of Bishop Auckland's! Cobas, an athletic 25-year-old, has twice been Uruguay's leading goalscorer and ten times capped.

One other import of note is the arrival of 24-year-old Brazilian Faustino at Sedan. Faustino was signed up last season by Benefica's close rival the Sporting Club of Lisbon and shone brilliantly in his first match, a friendly against visiting Nottingham Forest; he scored a goal and made two others. A week later Santos, fresh from winning this year's Paris summer Tournament and not having lost a game on their tour went to Lisbon. A repeat performance was registered by Faustino who outshone both Pelé and Pepe. He is a brilliant dribbler, has superb ball control and feints like Stanley Matthews. Sedan beat Internazionale of Italy and several Spanish clubs in signing this talented forward.

The basic reason for this purity of foreign talent in France is, of course, financial. The desperate situation of the clubs is exemplified by the definitive exclusion of Alès from the Second Division which, this season, will therefore have only 19 clubs. Alès were unable to deposit the £5,000 requested as evidence of their solvency. Money counts, alas; even Reims, who were asked nearly £40,000 by Nîmes for the transfer of Akesbi, made a deal whereby they pay the money over three seasons. Unperturbed, Reims opened their season by scoring five goals against newly-promoted Metz and this without Kopa, whose ankle will probably keep him out of the first few matches, and Fontaine. Metz managed to score three times, however, and will not have to fight too hard, in my view, to stay up in the First Division.

A team to watch this season, along with the natural pace-makers—Monaco, Racing, Reims, Nîmes—may well be St. Etienne, who have now taken over Henri Guérin as manager. Guérin did extremely well when he assumed charge of the French side during an illness of Batteux last season and I fancy he will have more talent at his disposal than he had at Rennes. St. Etienne have long placed the accent on youth and it was their young dynamism under Jean Snella (now triumphing as manager of the Swiss Club Servette) that brought them a League Championship and a Cup Final appearance in the last few years. Their splendid defender Richard Tylinski (whose one cap was won at the Wembley fiasco which the French would like to forget) has after all turned down terms offered by Strasbourg and this will be an initial encouragement for Guérin.

Whilst Reims, Monaco (a scrappy 1-0 win over St. Etienne), Nice, Nîmes and newcomers Strasbourg opened their year with victories, Racing had to be satisfied with a goal-less draw at Nancy. Pibarot was not able, however, to line up anything like his best side since training injuries obliged Taillendier, Heutte, Guillot and Tokpa to stay on the touch-line and Van Sam, who is doing his military service, was absent in Algeria. Milutinovic was still waiting for authorisation from the German Football Federation to play. The most outstanding victory of the opening games was that of newly-promoted Montpellier who crushed Cup-holders Sedan (including Faustino!) by a clear 5-0 nap. Red Star—the blacksheep—returned with a potpourri of signed players to win surprisingly easily 2-0 against Marseille.

Attendances show no startling signs at present of improving to any extent. In fact the opening matches, if taken as a guide to the remainder of the season, give a pretty negative picture. Total figures for the ten First Division matches were 91,693. The highest attendance was at the Stade Francais-Rennes game—13,528. At Strasbourg, Rouen and Montpellier, over 10,000 were recorded but the others fell away poorly.

Monaco, however, had an encouraging 5,582—a good figure for them! But when the bad weather arrives, many of these figures will begin to look rather sick it seems. Lowest crowd on this opening day was the 4,740 at Lyon. Since Toulouse won 3-1 here, the chances of an increase appear practically non-existent.

Whatever the complete answer is to the question of decreasing attendances in France, it is quite evident that under existing circumstances the problem has yet to be solved. Unfortunately just how it can be resolved is such a vast and intricate subject and not the simple "better football" method as freely advocated, that it is perhaps not wise to dwell overmuch on the theme.

Player portrait of the month

The story is by ERIC BATTY

The future looks quite bright for Johnny Crossan, subject of this month's personality spotlight. The Irish Football Association are negotiating to have his international ban lifted and if this happened, it could pave the way for his return to Britain and, possibly, English League football. However, he has stated that he is content in Liege and it would take an attractive offer to persuade him to return to Britain.

YOUNG MAN WHOM IRISH BANNED

WHEN Irish inside-forward Johnny Crossan was suspended for life two years ago he was all but forced into a course of action that made him one of the most celebrated sensations in the game. Though it may well seem ridiculous to many people, the Irish international selectors chose him to play for their full international side and gave him his first cap against England on Wembley's sacred turf—despite the fact that he was also banned from playing in English football!

From Crossan's point of view the ban placed on his head by the Irish F.A. did not turn out to be the awful thing he may have feared at first, for the publicity given to his case by the press also attracted the attention of one or two continental clubs. Banned in Ireland he was automatically barred from playing under the jurisdiction of the other three British Associations, but because the Ulster authorities did not report the case to FIFA he was still eligible to play on the continent.

Eventually he signed for the Rotterdam club Sparta, at that time managed by Englishman Dennis Neville, and as the reigning champions of Holland just about to embark on their first sortie into the European Cup. Playing alongside Crossan in the Sparta attack was another link with home, fellow Irishman Paddy Fitzgerald, and together they played a major part in the club's success. After reaching the quarter finals, the Dutchmen were paired with Glasgow Rangers and all but evicted the famous Scottish club from the competition.

After losing at home by the odd goal, Sparta went to Glasgow and surprised everyone by beating Rangers at Ibrox, 1-0, and earned a play-off at the Arsenal stadium in London. This match was an undistinguished affair though Sparta gave Rangers a worrying time and if the conditions had not been so heavy they might well have reached the semi-final. Sparta were beaten but though they certainly had their chances of winning the turning point came when one of the Dutch defenders put the ball into his own goal. From then on Rangers always had the edge, but as Mr. Neville said later, his team were unaccustomed to playing in heavy going. In Holland, he said, the match would have been cancelled in such conditions and this put his players at a distinct disadvantage. At this time, Crossan was watched several times by the Irish selectors, for after several promising displays for the Youth team earlier, he had been in their notebooks as a player to watch for the future. With Sparta, Crossan was bound by law to have a job apart from football and, unable to speak the language, it was not easy to find work which would not retard his football career. Despite the difficulties, however, he impressed the Irish representatives and an invitation to play in the Irish "B" team against the French "B" side was sent to Rotterdam. This was in the nature of a trial for the full team which had a date with England a few weeks later, in which Crossan gained his first, and so far only, full cap.

At the end of that season Crossan was on the move again, and for a time he fell out

of the international spotlight. His new club, Royal Standard FC of Liege, are one of the most ambitious and forward-looking clubs on the continent and everyone at the Stade de Sclessin spared nothing in their attempts to make him and his wife Barbara feel at home. The one snag about joining Standard was difficult to accept though there was nothing that could be done about it. The Belgians have a rule which, while allowing foreign born players to take part in their football, they are not allowed to play in the first division until they have resided in the country for at least twelve months. Thus it was that while Standard won the Belgian championship, Crossan was not able to take part in their success, though figuring at inside-right in the second team, he played a major part in completing a double when Standard won the Reserves championship!

With Standard, Crossan came under the experienced eye of Mr. Geza Kalocsai, one of the top continental coaches. Before he returned to Budapest at the end of last season, Mr. Kalocsai told him that if he progresses as he should he can become a more than useful inside-forward. For Crossan this would mean much more than if he were with a British club, for although the Belgians have not yet accepted full professionalism he would receive a much greater share of his transfer fee should one of the top Italian clubs seek his services than would be the case if he were in Britain.

Fully qualified to play in the Belgian championship this season and eligible once more for the European Cup, Crossan could make a name for himself during the next twelve months. Alongside him will be several Belgian internationals; a former Hungarian Youth cap, Istvan Sztani, and one of the best wing-halves on the continent, Paul Bonga Bonga. Sztani helped Eintracht Frankfurt to win the West German championship but joined Standard before the European Cup began, while Bonga would walk into the Belgian national side if he were eligible.

The new Standard boss, Frenchman Jean Prouff, is optimistic about their chances in the European Cup and certainly they should overcome their first opponents, Fredrikstad (Norway), without too much difficulty. Among their victims in the club's first attempt at the European Cup were Hearts, whom they beat 5-1 in Liege, and Sporting, who lost 3-2 to them on their own ground in Lisbon. In the semi-final they beat Reims 2-0 at Sclessin, but the Frenchmen, then at their best, scored the necessary three goals in the second leg to prevent Standard reaching the final.

For Johnny Crossan the future looks bright indeed and perhaps best of all is the news from Belfast that the Irish FA are attempting to have the ban removed. His former club, Derry City, have apparently withdrawn their objections which prevented such a move some months ago and any time now it will be shelved. The way would then be clear for a return to Britain and probably English football, but only a few months ago Crossan told me that he could not be happier than he was in Liege, and it would take an attractive offer to persuade him to return.

Montreal Concordia—United Nations Club

THE Canadian team Montreal Concordia created a surprise in the United States International Soccer League this summer. Nicknamed the 'League of Nations' team, they competed in both sections of this tournament and improved considerably in the second group.

Made up of players from England, Scotland, Wales, Brazil Argentina and Italy, Concordia settled down to a remarkable level of consistency and performance. Their outstanding player was Hector Marinaro from Argentina. Following the departure of the bulk of the 'foreigners', Concordia succeeded in winning the Canadian Soccer Championship five days later, defeating the Vancouver Firefighters 1-0. Concordia are obviously a Canadian team to watch in the future.

AROUND THE WORLD

Korean goalkeeper Kim Sang Jin goes down at the foot of a Hong Kong forward to successfully prevent a score during a Merdeka Anniversary match at Kuala Lumpur when the teams drew 1-1. (Planet 1.)

FRANCE

Akesbi signs

THE much discussed transfer of Moroccan-born centre-forward Hassan Akesbi to Reims has finally materialised. Nimes Olympique, his former club, were not anxious to let him go though they did allow him to turn out in one or two friendly matches for other clubs last season. Albert Batteux, Reims trainer, now has an embarrassing talent list at his disposal which will make team selection difficult when Just Fontaine is fully fit again in October. Glovacki, Bliard, Kopa, Akesbi, Fontaine, Piantoni and Vincent would all achieve first team places with any other French club.

The Racing Club de Paris, league runners-up last season, have been negotiating with a whole string of stars since the FFF lifted the ban on foreigners, but it seems that all the proposed deals fall through for lack of money. Kocsis, Simonsson, Zebec and Ocwirk are just a few of the players that have been approached but now it seems more than likely the club will rely on their present staff.

Racing Strasbourg have pretty well been taken over by their City Council. Last year the club received a large subsidy plus new floodlights from the authorities and at the end of the season the council guaranteed Real Madrid's fee when they played a friendly match there. Now the club has benefited to the extent of £20,000 on loan without interest!

SPAIN

Real Madrid strongly represented

WITH Real Madrid back in the European Cup and looking more than ever likely to win the trophy, Spain are strongly represented in all the international competitions. Atletico Madrid are favourites for the Cup winners Cup and in the Inter Cities Fairs series there will be three Spanish representatives — CF Barcelona, their neighbours Espanol and CF Valencia. If all three trophies go to the Spaniards next spring few people will be surprised. The prowess of Real Madrid has become almost legendary but their activities are by no means limited to football. In the European Volleyball championship Real reached the semi-final before losing to the eventual winners SK Riga (USSR).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Czechs week

DUKLA Prague's triumphant return home with the New York Soccer Cup was witnessed by a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters, but for the players the trip to the United States means no break from football. Dukla's first league fixture of the new season was a bare seven days after their return.

The Czechs, as usual, do not play the full league programme on one day as is the case in many other countries. In provincial towns where there are only one or maybe two senior teams only one game of importance will ever be staged on a particular day but in Prague where Spartak Sokolovo, Spartak Stalingrad and the champions Dukla all compete for support, the fixtures are spread out over the week. In this way many people will be persuaded to see more than one of the regular fixtures each week.

At the end of last season one of the continent's most famous clubs was relegated—Slavia Prague. Now known as Dynamo they will be in division two for a spell, but in their place is a name almost equally famous—Spartak Plzen, home of the Pilsen beer!

HUNGARY

Old Pals act

FOR their second European Cup adventure, Hungarian champions Vasas (Budapest) have recruited two new Pals. Both of them are forwards—outside-left Pal I from Diosgyor and inside-forward Pal II from neighbouring Csepel. Under the three months qualification rule, neither of the new men will be available for the match with Real Madrid which will be played early in September. International team manager Lajos Baroti, who resigned after his team were beaten at home by Austria and was then persuaded back into office by the F.A., is forging ahead with his World Cup plans with even greater energy than before.

In December the Hungarians usually take a two to three month break, but this winter the top players will be hard at work. First stage in the preparations will be a visit to South America in December when matches will be played against Argentina and Uruguay before moving on to Santiago for a match with Chile that will prove more than useful when they return for the series five months afterwards. After the tour the players will have a brief rest from football, before assembling for special training prior to the resumption of the league programme and then in the spring matches will be played against Austria, Turkey and Ireland.

HOLLAND

Double Dutch

DUTCH champions Feyenoord created a new record last season when they attracted an average of 47,000 customers to each of their league matches. This figure is better than any others on the continent save for Real Madrid and Tottenham Hotspurs—while Barcelona slumped considerably to a mere 44,000! Feyenoord offer seats at four shillings in their 64,000 capacity stadium and no one is asked to stand. This perhaps plays a large part in their success at the turnstiles. In the International summer tournament Dutch teams did particularly well. Of the four teams representing them in the series three finished as group winners: Feyenoord, and their Rotterdam neighbours Sparta—together with Ajax Amsterdam. Coen Moulijn, Feyenoord's international outside-left, continues to attract transfer bids. Practically every week there are two or three offers, but Moulijn is said to be quite happy in Rotterdam where training is not as severe as it would be in a fully professional country and is asking too much by way of a signing-on fee.

ITALY

The Lira lure

THE number of foreigners being drawn to "Calcio" continues to mount and now almost every football playing country is represented in Serie A. AS Roma, who had four South American forwards last season—Ghiggia, Lojacono, Manfredini and Schiaffino—have boosted their total by two! Newcomers are Angelillo, formerly an Argentinian international who was signed for 150,000,000 Lire from Inter, and Brazilian goalkeeper, Da Costa, who joins Roma from Fiorentina.

Internazionale, satisfied after their spending spree that brought Suarez, Hitchen and Humberto into their camp, have announced

that for next season bonuses for winning league matches will be at least £100.

Juventus will be without Giampiero Boniperti for the first time in fourteen years. Although he is still only 33, Boniperti has decided to retire with an honours list that is pretty formidable: 444 games for Juventus (177 goals), 38 full caps for Italy plus a host of minor honours. During his spell with Juventus the club were five times champions of Italy—in 1950-52, 58-60-61.

BRAZIL

Pele injured

SINCE being injured in Santos' last match in Europe, Pele has been unfit and out of action and as a result the Sao Paulo championship is proving a disappointment for their fans. After scoring only one goal in two games it is feared that Santos will continue to slump until Pele returns but barring his path are two problems: fitness and financial. Now it seems Pele will have to undergo an operation before he can play again and he is using his free time to argue a good case for a better salary. Tempted by offers from Italian clubs prepared to mortgage everything they possess in order to sign him, Pele is naturally after the best terms he can get from his directors.

Top teams at the start of the Sao Paulo championship are Palmeiras (finalists) in the South American Cup and Portuguesa de Desportes. Palmeiras, who have had two World Cup stars for some time—Djalma Santos and Julinho—have signed centre-forward Vava on his return to Brazil after a three-year spell with Atletico Madrid. Vava is eager to win back his place in Brazil's team for the trip to Chile next year—but if Pele is fit it is unlikely that his clubmate Coutinho will be excluded for together they have a highly developed understanding.

WEST GERMANY

Reorganisation

THE long awaited reorganisation of the league competition has finally been approved by the Fussball Bund. Starting next season 1962-63 there will be one first division and three regional second divisions. The composition of the new top flight will be determined by the present season's results with the top four clubs from each of the regions in West Germany proper going into division one together with the top two from the Berlin league. Thereafter promotion and relegation will be effected on the usual lines.

Though Hamburg SV's star centre-forward attracted a great deal of attention from Italian clubs during his team's European Cup run, there has not been one serious offer for his services during the lay off. HSV and Seeler himself are not at all disturbed about it and neither is international team manager Sepp Herberger, although the latter has lost one of his most promising inside-forwards, Helmut Haller, to Bologna and key man, Horst Szymaniak, to Catania.

BELGIUM

No full-timers

THE hoped-for professionalism is still several seasons off following the meeting of the Belgian league club Presidents. The top clubs Standard and RSC Anderlecht would be delighted at a full-scale switch and they are slowly gathering support. Union St. Gilloise (Brussels) and FC Liege have joined them but they are still in a minority. Under the present rules the upper limit a player can earn is 2,500 Belgian francs per week (around £18), but one of the "perks" is a ten per cent share of any transfer fee!

Anderlecht have disposed of eleven players during the summer—five of them full internationals; champions Standard have a new manager, Frenchman Jean Prouf, who will be assisted by Belgium's record international 64 times capped Pol Anoul; and Royal Antwerp FC have installed a new floodlighting system at a cost of £40,000. To inaugurate the new "lights" Real Madrid have been invited to play a friendly in October and their fee will be £12,000. It is not all debit for Antwerp, however, as Real will draw about £20,000 and leave a nice profit which will go towards the cost of the lights.

URUGUAY

Soccer boom

FOOTBALL in Montevideo has always flourished and even when the national team was beaten by Paraguay for a place in the 1958 World Cup Final the crowds were maintained at an economically sound level. Now with Penarol twice winners of the South American Cup, and Uruguay all set to take their place in Chile next May, Uruguayan fans could not be happier.

After drawing 1-1 with Bolivia in La Paz, where oxygen was kept ready on touchlines for any player who needed it, the Uruguayans won the return match in Montevideo 2-1. The margin was a disappointment but the Bolivians defended with the greater part of their team and though the game was not a classic the fans were appeased by the importance of the result.

CUBA

Football for all

THE new drive on behalf of football is gathering momentum. In future football will be played in all schools and government priority has been given for the provision of playing pitches at junior level and the erection of new stadia for all sports.

Prime Minister Fidel Castro is the man providing the drive behind the programme. In his younger days he was a keen player himself and believing that football helps build character, develops sportsmanship and encourages young people to work together, he is eager to see the game established in Havana. The ideal is beyond question though as we have often seen football and brawling are not diametrically opposed, but for the Cubans and the game in general it can only be a good thing.

Swedish international inside-left Rune Borjesson may well have signed for Juventus by now. It has been freely rumoured that he has signed a two-year contract for the Italian Club. (Planet 1.)

Rapid Vienna have been among the leading Mitropa Cup competitors over the years and have, in fact, won it on two occasions. On the right: Rapid versus Benfica in the European Cup semi-final. A minute before the end, with both club's drawing 1-1, fighting broke out and the match was whistled off. Left to right: Pereira (Benfica), Dienst (Rapid) and Flogel (Rapid). (Planet 1.)

The oldest club Cup in Europe

WHILE England clung to her myth of supremacy and marvelled at the exploits of Arsenal and Huddersfield Town, a new and sensational competition came into being on the European continent—the Mitropa Cup. At once it became a magnet of football, attracting big clubs, big names, big money and big crowds; and by drawing the élite of the continental units into open competition, it developed into the finest product of the Golden Age of Central European football.

By the mid-1920s British clubs had already discovered that summer tours and international friendlies were no longer holiday jaunts requiring little or no preparation. As early as 1909 Sunderland had lost 2-1 to A.C. Wiener in Vienna—the first defeat of an English professional side anywhere in the world—and in 1926 Arsenal, already a strong First Division side, had been held to a 3-3 draw by Rapid Vienna and had narrowly lost to a combined FK Austria/Rapid eleven. Strong sides were appearing elsewhere in Central Europe: Torino and Ambrosiana (Italy); M.T.K. and F.T.C. (Hungary), and Slavia and Sparta (Czechoslovakia), the last-mentioned beating Celtic, the Scottish Champions, by the odd goal in three during the summer of 1922.

However, just as the inter-war period saw the beginning of the end of British supremacy, it also marked the spread of professionalism to much of the European continent. By the mid-twenties Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia were already paying their players, while Italy and Yugoslavia were seriously considering a move in this direction. As a result the leading continental clubs, especially in Central Europe, found themselves compelled to offer attractive wages and large transfer fees to maintain their position. Moreover, like Real Madrid and Barcelona today, they found the revenue from the national (in some instances still only regional) league, supplemented by a few international friendlies, quite insufficient to make ends meet.

In 1924 there could be little doubt that an attractive new competition was required—"An annual knock-out competition," declared Hugo Meisl, later manager of the Austrian Wunderteam, "involving the leading professional clubs of Central Europe." His idea was immediately taken up by a Viennese newspaper and so favourably received in neighbouring countries that a series of talks were held between Austrian, Czech, Hungarian and Yugoslavian officials in the same year. Meisl's proposals were accepted after long discussion, and in July, 1927, the competition got under way. It was called "Der Mitropa (a corruption of Mittel-Europa) Cup"—a name that was to re-echo around Europe.

The rules—thanks to Meisl's persistence—were comparatively simple: the participants were limited to the League Champions and either the Runners-up or the Cup-Winners of the countries concerned, the first round draw being so arranged that each nation's representatives could not meet until the Final. All ties were played on a home and away basis, the team with the best score in the two matches qualifying for the next round. There was no extra time—a replay on a neutral ground was necessary in the event of a drawn tie—while the duration of the competition was restricted to six months.

In 1934, when each nation entered four clubs instead of two as previously, the competition was reorganised. The extra matches naturally resulted in an extended tournament, but an unforeseen event delayed its completion even beyond the new schedule—a marathon tie! Hungaria, the club run by the millionaire Dr. Arpad Brulls, played A.C. Sparta in the first round and after losing 4-5 in Prague, levelled the tie 6-6 with a 2-1 win in Budapest. A play-off was arranged, and when Sparta won 5-2, Hungaria seemed out of the competition. However, a few days later the Mitropa Committee announced that they had upheld a protest by the Budapest side that one of the Czech players, outside-right Faszinek, was ineligible and that the whole tie—for he had played in at least two of the three games—must be replayed.

Once again Hungaria and Sparta met home and away: once again they each won at home—and by the same score! With the tie all-square at 3-3, a second play-off was necessary: it ended, believe it or not, in a 1-1 draw. The Committee decided that the competition could not be held up for yet another replay and Sparta won the draw for a place in the next round. The six-game tie remains a record for any European competition, while the 10-all draw is unique in the history of the Mitropa Cup.

There were many other sensations in the Mitropa Cup; the stakes were high—fame or oblivion. Several attempts were made to "fix" vital matches, not often in the Mitropa itself, but in the League competitions where the "admission tickets" were won and lost each season. One case occurred in 1930, when Allemandi of Juventus was found guilty of accepting a bribe to throw a vital League match with Torino. He was suspended for life, but later reinstated to become captain of Italy and Ambrosiana Milan, who reached the Mitropa Final in 1933. But then anything could happen in Mussolini's Italy.

The stakes were high—and unfortunately it affected both the players and officials' approach to the game. One Italian club even went so far as to fine their players £20 each for performing badly in a cup-tie and the captain was fined £50, to underline his supreme responsibility. Many matches were fought (almost literally) to the last drop of blood and in 1930 a Viennese crowd, watching the second leg of the Final between Rapid and Sparta, showered the Czechs with missiles as a protest against their treatment of the Austrian players.

Another sensation occurred in 1932, when the second Semi-Final match between Juventus and Slavia ended in a riot. The Czechs had won the first leg 4-0, but quickly found themselves two goals down at Turin, whereupon they resorted to "stop-at-nothing" tactics to retain the lead. The Italian spectators, incensed at the obstruction and time-wasting of the visitors, invaded the pitch. The Czech team was attacked by an angry mob, Planicka receiving a serious head injury, and they were penned in their dressing room for hours while the riot squad tried to break up the hostile crowd. The blame was laid equally on Juventus and Sparta and they were both disqualified, leaving Bologna a walk-over in the Final.

Juventus, although fielding a side with seven international players, including Giampiero Combi, Italy's finest goalkeeper; Rosetta and Caligaris, a full-back pair with over one hundred caps between them; Giovanni Ferrari, a hard-working inside-forward; and the Argentine pair, Luisito (The Tough) Monti, and Raymondo Orsi, were never able to win the most coveted of all competitions. Instead it was Bologna, fortunate victors in 1932, who carried Italy's flag through the pre-war years. Their team, built around Shiavio, for a long time Italy's outstanding centre-forward, and Edward Monzeglio, a fine international full-back, reached its peak in 1934. The Mitropa Cup was won

The Mitropa Cup, when it was created thirty-four years ago became a magnet of football, says Roger Macdonald

for the second time in most devastating style, Rapid (6-1), Ferencvaros (5-1), and Admira (5-1), being crushed in the process.

One of their rivals, Ambrosiana of Milan, might have equalled their success, for they possessed several international players, including Allemandi, Serantoni and Meazza. They reached the Final in 1933, but were unfortunate in meeting an F.K. Austria side inspired by the great Sindelar. Ambrosiana, 2-3 behind on aggregate, with only a few minutes remaining in the second leg, fought back well to draw level. A play-off seemed inevitable, but they had not reckoned on Sindelar: with 90 seconds left, he scored a superb goal with an individual effort to give his side the victory.

Mattias Sindelar, called "Der Papierene" because of his slim build, had an inexhaustive repertoire of ball-skills and tricks, a tremendous shot and an immaculate positional sense; he was easily the outstanding personality of the Mitropa Cup. F.K. Austria had several internationals, including Karl Sezsta, Walter Nausch, Gall, Viertl, Adam and Vogl, but their victories in 1933 and 1936 depended on "The Man of Paper", who could turn defeat into victory with a single touch of the ball.

Austria was not the only club to base their success on one outstanding player: Rapid Vienna, winners in 1930, had Smistik, technician extraordinary, one of the finest pivots in pre-war football, while Ujpest, victors in 1929 and 1939, had Szengeller, the outstanding inside-forward in Europe. However, only one man became a household name like Sindelar: Hungarian Georges Sarosi.

Sarosi was perhaps as near a superman as any mortal could be: he was a Doctor of Philosophy, an all-round athlete, and one of the highest paid players in the world. Beginning as a centre-half and displacing the legendary Bahoni, he played forty times for Hungary in six different positions. As a centre-forward he was devastating — he scored seven and five goals against Czechoslovakia and Austria respectively in 1938. Included in the 1937 Ferencvaros forward line, he played a great part in their Mitropa victory of that year. Their team was described as the most impressive to take part in the competition, and yet when their counterparts had won the Cup nine years earlier they had scored twenty-six goals in six matches!

Only two of the competitors ever fielded truly all-star elevens: A.C. Sparta and S.K. Slavia, both of Prague. Sparta, victors in 1927 and 1935, had Joseph Kostalek, Jaroslav Boucek, Karel Kolsky, Cytroky, Burger, Oldrich Nejedly, and several other internationals. Perhaps their best player was Nejedly, a prolific goal-scorer, who later moved to Slavia. Here he formed one of the most dangerous left-wing pairs in international football with Antonin Puc, himself no mean performer. Slavia were at their greatest in 1938, when their team included Frantiseck Planicka, a fine goalkeeper, and internationals Ferdinand Daucik, Svoboda, Sobotka, Kopecky, Zeniseck, Cambal and Kreil: a formidable side indeed. If only because of their consistency—they monopolised the Czech league during this period—Sparta and Slavia must be considered as the strongest competitors during the great era of the Mitropa Cup.

The Mitropa was enlarged in 1937, when Switzerland was permitted four participants —Lausanne, Young Fellows, Berne and Grasshoppers—all of whom were eliminated in the first round. The following year, however, the competition became unbalanced, for Austria, Italy, Hungary and Czechoslovakia were allowed three teams; Switzerland, clearly not in the same class, only two; and the newcomers, Yugoslavia and Rumania, a single representative each—Gradjanska and Venus Budapest.

Yugoslavia had already taken part in the first two Mitropa Tournaments, only to withdraw when it became clear that her clubs, drained of their talent by the French élite, were no match for the other competitors; in 1928 Beogradski had been humiliated by Ferencvaros to the tune of 13-1. Her place was taken by Italy until the outbreak of war, only for the situation to be reversed when the competition was revived in 1955.

In 1938 Switzerland and Austria withdrew, the former officially because her clubs were unable to bear the cost of participation, the latter because of her incorporation into a Greater Germany. The vacancies were filled by doubling the Yugoslavia and Rumanian entries, the new competitors being HASK Agram and a Temesvar club respectively. In the last tournament entries were limited to two clubs from Hungary, Austria and Italy, and one each from Yugoslavia and Rumania.

The great era of Mitropa ended with the beginning of hostilities in 1939: however the causes of its decline can be traced back to the mid-1930s and they are still applicable, in a modified form, during the present decade. The rise of Hitler's Germany saw the emergence of a new power block in Central Europe, the Axis of Italy and Germany, who soon engulfed Austria and the Czech Sudetenland. The participants decreased, Switzerland deciding to establish her isolation from the Powers, while the Austrian Federation disappeared after the *anchluss* of 1938. The last competition was reduced in size because of the tense international situation.

Today another tense situation exists, for we are living in the time of the Cold War. The Mitropa Cup, revived from 1955-59, has been faced with the hazards of revolutions, rebellions, travel visas, etc. Moreover one of the pre-war competitors, Italy, has withdrawn to seek more profitable ventures. The chief of these is the European Cup, a competition which, as Eric Batty wrote in March WORLD SOCCER, "has made Mitropa seem like a regional series for amateurs". The decline of Austria has left Hungary, the strongest post-war competitor, free to dominate the tournament, and even she has lost her finest players as a result of the 1956 Revolution.

Only tradition has sustained the Mitropa Cup—a tradition slowly disappearing after the names of the pre-war giants, Ambrosiana, Gradjanska, B.S.K. and Concordia have become Internazionale, Dinamo, Partizan and Zagreb: the old glories of Hungaria and Sparta have not been revived in M.T.K. and Spartak Prague. Perhaps the telling blow fell this year, when Dynamo, the S.K. Slavia of the great epoch, were relegated: for the

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Prominent contestants in the Mitropa Cup have been Budapest's Honved (formerly Kispest). Internationalist Kotasz has, in turn, been a prominent member of the Honved line-up and he is seen on the right about to take a throw-in. (Metelmann 1.)

Sheffield Wednesday's new pillar-less main stand, said to be the largest in Europe with its 10,000 tip-up seats, has to be regularly cleaned, and the English First Division club have employed a special broom brigade, three of whom are seen on the left. (P.A.I.)

Not much jealousy among the French

Britain's most travelled commentator for sporting television hits upon an interesting and telling anomaly of the French supporters.

KENNETH WOLSTENHOLME

IN what other sport do passions run so high as in soccer? I could not help thinking of this the other evening when I visited a friend's house in England and was introduced to a young Spanish girl who was staying with the family.

She could speak little English, but my host managed to make her understand that I had made many trips to Spain to see football. The word "football" brought a light to her eyes and in halting English she asked: "Where in Spain have you been?"

Madrid brought forth a sigh of joy. But the very mention of Barcelona produced something akin to a fit of rage. "Barcelona! Catalans! Ha!"

Worse was to follow. I suggested that the only Spanish teams which would make a showing in the Football League were Real and Atletico from Madrid, Barcelona (I whispered that one!), Atletico Bilbao and Seville. I had already been told the girl came from Seville so I thought I was on safe ground.

But those Spanish eyes flashed with anger again. "Seville! Bah! Betis bueno."

Yes, she supported the other team in the city—Betis.

But even Seville was better than Barcelona, for in the south of Spain they just cannot stand the Catalans from the north. And the Catalans make the rudest of rude gestures when you mention Madrid.

In Hungary it is the same. In those great days of Honved, Budapest was alive with jealousy of the Army team which "stole the best players".

In Scotland you hear the Rangers fans singing lustily that there is no finer team than Rangers—and the Ibrox lads believe it most sincerely. But tell that to a Celtic fan and see what happens.

England and the English have their blind prejudice, too. One man has even written to me and told me that he hopes that Spurs will be thrashed in the European Cup. Yes, he is English, but he hates Spurs and that hatred has grown out of nothing more than Spurs' success.

It was always thus—especially in England, where winners are hated by everyone but their supporters.

It is a curious phenomena and rather a sad one that people hope that a team representing their country will get beaten in an international competition just because they are not supporters of that particular team.

One country apparently free from this strange disease is France, where Stade de Rheims are revered by everyone, no matter in which part of France they live.

Whenever Rheims have played in the European Cup they have played their "home" matches in Paris, but the crowd has been more enthusiastic than, say, the Anfield crowd for Liverpool.

I shall never forget when Burnley went to Paris to take on Rheims last season in the European Cup. Never before have I seen such enthusiasm for a team that came from a city many miles away. It shook the Burnley players to the core and almost upset them enough to knock them off their game.

A Frenchman—a Parisien—explained it to me. "In France," he explained, "we regard Stade de Rheims as something more sacred than the national team."

You would never see that in England, Scotland, Hungary, Spain or many other countries I could mention. In those countries there is only one team—your own.

Which is a pity.

Reading two books recently gave me a sharp lesson in football. That excellent publication, *The Real Madrid Book of Football*, edited by Stratton Smith and published by the Souvenir Press, explains how Real have 50,000 socios (members) who pay 25 pesetas a week (3s. 3d.). In addition some of the socios pay extra for season tickets giving them reserved seats, and, of course, there are the casual customers who just pay at the door to see the league matches, for which Real boast an average gate of somewhere around 80,000.

Now if we ignore the cash customers, the season ticket revenue and the extra revenue for the special games (European Cup ties, etc.) and the friendlies (for which Real ask and get a guarantee of £10,000), we can see Real receive a basic income of over £8,000 a week, or well over £400,000 a year. That, remember, is the basic income. In actual fact the income is much greater.

Bolton Wanderers of England, for instance, were watched by an average of just 21,686 each home game last season.

That represents an income of around £2,750 for each game. Twenty-one home games a season brings the income to £57,000 a year, and reserve team gates would increase that figure to about £60,000.

So the *basic* income of Real Madrid is about seven times the *total* income of Bolton Wanderers, and Bolton Wanderers face a higher wage bill for all their staff (except the coaches and players), higher rates, higher transport bills and, if they want to do any work on their ground, higher building and repair costs.

Those simple figures explain easily enough why Bolton Wanderers have to save for months and months to afford a £20,000 transfer fee (and then they cannot really afford it) whereas Real Madrid glitter like gold.

Maybe soccer fans in England will remember those simple economic facts when they want their local team to behave like Real. They should remember, too, that the same sort of poverty which haunts most English clubs haunts most continental clubs as well.

It is only the handful of millionaire clubs in Europe that can splash their pesetas or their lire around freely and the Italians can only do it because their millionaire presidents foot the bill out of their private fortunes.

Perhaps it may be of some comfort to English fans if they realise that clubs in the lower divisions are just as unheard of abroad as the more obscure continental clubs are in England.

In the years ahead it is conceivable that the position in respect of finance will alter in England.

MANY WORLD CUP TIES THIS MONTH

EUROPE

Group I

Sweden 2 Belgium 0; Belgium 2 Switzerland 4; Switzerland 2 Belgium 1; Sweden 4 Switzerland 0.

Belgium v. Sweden **4 Oct.**; Switzerland v. Sweden **29 Oct.**

Group I

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	6	0	4
Switzerland	3	2	0	6	7	4
Belgium	3	0	0	3	8	0

Group II

Finland 1 France 2; France 3 Bulgaria 0; Finland 0 Bulgaria 2.

France v. Finland **27 Sept.**; Bulgaria v. Finland **29 Oct.**; Bulgaria v. France **12 Nov.**

Group II

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	5	1	4
Bulgaria	2	1	0	2	3	2
Finland	2	0	0	1	4	0

Group III

Northern Ireland 3 West Germany 4; Greece 0 West Germany 3; Greece 2 Northern Ireland 1; West Germany 2 Northern Ireland 1.

Northern Ireland v. Greece **18 Oct.**; West Germany v. Greece **21 Oct.**

Group III

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
West Germany	3	3	0	9	4	6
Greece	2	1	0	2	4	2
N. Ireland	3	0	0	5	8	0

Group IV

Holland 0 Hungary 3; Hungary 2 East Germany 0; East Germany 1 Holland 1.

East Germany v. Hungary **10 Sept.**; Holland v. East Germany **1 Oct.**; Hungary v. Holland **22 Oct.**

Group IV

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Hungary	2	2	0	5	0	4
East Germany	2	0	1	1	3	1
Holland	2	0	1	1	4	1

Group V

Norway 0 Turkey 1; Russia 1 Turkey 0; Russia 5 Norway 2; Norway 0 Russia 3.

Turkey v. Norway **29 Oct.**; Turkey v. Russia **12 Nov.**

Group V

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Russia	2	2	0	6	2	4
Turkey	2	1	0	1	1	2
Norway	2	0	0	2	6	0

Group VI

Luxembourg 0 England 9; Portugal 6 Luxembourg 0; Portugal 1 England 1.

England v. Luxembourg **28 Sept.**; Luxembourg v. Portugal **8 Oct.**; England v. Portugal **25 Oct.**

Group VI

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
England	2	1	1	10	1	3
Portugal	2	1	1	7	1	3
Luxembourg	2	0	0	0	15	0

Group VII

Israel v. Italy **15 Oct.**; Italy v. Israel **4 Nov.**

Group VIII

Scotland 4 Eire 1; Eire 0 Scotland 3; Czechoslovakia 4 Scotland 0.

Scotland v. Czechoslovakia **26 Sept.**; Eire v. Czechoslovakia **8 Oct.**; Czechoslovakia v. Eire **29 Oct.**

Group VIII

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	0	7	5	4
Czechoslovakia	1	1	0	4	0	2
Eire	2	0	0	1	7	0

Group IX

Wales 1 Spain 2; Spain 1 Wales 1.

Morocco v. Spain **12 Nov.**; Spain v. Morocco **23 Nov.**

Group X

Yugoslavia 2 Poland 1; Poland 1 Yugoslavia 1.

Yugoslavia now meet South Korea.

ASIAN ZONE

South Korea 2 Japan 1; Japan 0 South Korea 2.

AFRICAN ZONE

Section 1

Morocco 2 Tunisia 1; Tunisia 2 Morocco 1; Morocco 1 Tunisia 1 (Morocco won toss up).

Section 2

Ghana 4 Nigeria 1; Nigeria 2 Ghana 2.

Play-off pool

Ghana 0 Morocco 0; Morocco 1 Ghana 0.

NEAR EAST ZONE

Cyprus 1 Israel 1; Israel 6 Cyprus 1.

Play-off pool

Israel 1 Ethiopia 0; Ethiopia 2 Israel 3.

SOUTH AMERICAN ZONE

Group I

Ecuador 3 Argentina 6; Argentina 5 Ecuador 0.

Group II

Bolivia 1 Uruguay 1; Uruguay 2 Bolivia 1.

Group III

Colombia 1 Peru 0; Peru 1 Colombia 1.

Group IV

Paraguay v. Mexico; Mexico v. Paraguay to be arranged.

NORTH AMERICAN AND CENTRAL ZONE

Section 1

U.S.A. 3 Mexico 3; Mexico 3 U.S.A. 0.

Section 2

Costa Rica 3 Guatemala 2; Guatemala 4 Costa Rica 4; Honduras 2 Costa Rica 1; Costa Rica 5 Honduras 0; Honduras 1 Guatemala 1; Guatemala v. Honduras (not played). Decisive match: Honduras 0 Costa Rica 1.

Section 3

Surinam 1 Netherlands Antilles 2; Netherlands Antilles 0 Surinam 0.

Play-off pool

Costa Rica 1 Mexico 0; Costa Rica 6 Antilles 0; Mexico 7 Antilles 0; Mexico 4 Costa Rica 1; Antilles 2 Costa Rica 0; Antilles 0 Mexico 0.

France defeated Bulgaria 3-0 in their World Cup Qualifying tie and the first goal is being scored in this picture above. The Bulgaria versus France tie in Spain is due to be played towards the end of this month. France leads the Group (II Europe) at the moment.

The Mitropa Cup Competition

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Mitropa Cup has also been relegated to a position far inferior to that which it held before the war.

This season Mitropa has been brought up to date and enlarged, several other European nations being represented in addition to the original competitors. And yet already it has failed to gain the publicity it would certainly have secured during the great era. Unless the Mitropa Cup can be put up as the trophy for a grand European League, let it be withdrawn to a distinguished position on FIFA's mantlepiece; it should be remembered with pride, not as the loophole permitting an irregular competition but as a lasting memento of the Golden Age of Central European football.

FK Austria competed in Group A of this year's Mitropa Cup competition and goalkeeper Frydel is seen below in action during the international against England in Vienna last May. Austria won 3-1. (Planet 2.)

The leading Mitropa competitors 1927 to 1959

Club	Formed	Honours gained 1927–1959: Nat. Champions	Cup Winners	Notable Players in their Mitropa teams
A.C. SPARTA (Sparta Prague)	1890	1927, 1932, 1936, 1938, 1939		Boucek, Burger, Cytroky, Kiha, Kostalek, Zeman
FERENCVAROS BUDAPEST	1897	1927, 1928, 1932, 1934, 1938	1927, 1928, 1933 1935, 1958	Hada, Kemenyi, Kohut, Lazar, Polgar, Sarosi, Toldi
UJPEST DOZSA	1899	1933, 1935, 1939	1953	Szalay, Szengeller, Szuchs, Vincze
RAPID VIENNA	1898	1929, 1930, 1938, 1956, 1957	1927	Rappan, Smistik
1st VIENNA	1894	1931, 1933, 1955	1929, 1930, 1937	Gschwiedl, Rainer, Schmaus
BOLOGNA		1929, 1936, 1937, 1939		Andreolo, Monzeglio, Shiavio
F.K. AUSTRIA	1894		1933, 1935, 1936	Adamek, Gall, Jerusalem, Nausch, Sesta, Sindelar, Viertl
S.K. SLAVIA (Dynamo Prague)	1882	1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937		Bican, Cambal, Dancik, Krcil, Junek, Kopecky, Nejedly, Planicka, Podica, Puc, Sobotka
VOROS LOBOGA (M.T.K./Hungaria)	1888	1929, 1936, 1937, 1958	1932	Szabo, Biro, Cech, Dudas, Sas, Titkos, Hidegkuti, Kovacs, Lantor, Nagy, Santos
VASAS BUDAPEST		1957	1955	Bundszak, Csordas Sarosi
HONVED BUDAPEST (formerly Kispest)	1945	1955		Bozsik, Budai, Dudas, Kotasz, Puskas, Tichy

(NOTE: Only honours gained during the period each club was eligible are included; players are mentioned in accordance with their Mitropa performances, irrespective of their international appearances; a national cup competition has not been held regularly in several Central European countries.)

All the Mitropa Cup winners and teams from 1927 to 1959

1927: Sparta (v. Rapid 6-2, 1-2)
Hochmann; Burger, Perner; Kolenaty, Kada, Hajny; Patek, Sima, Micfik, Shiy, Horeja.

1928: Ferencvaros (v. Rapid 7-1, 3-5)
Amsel; Takacs, Hungler; Lyka, Bukovi, Berkessi; Rasso, Takacs II, Turay, Sedlaczek, Kohuth.

1929: Ujpest (v. Slavia 5-1, 2-2)
Acht; Kovago, Fogl III; Borsanyi, Kovesi, Wilhelm; Strock, Auer, Monnaros, Spitz, Szabo.

1930: Rapid (v. Sparta 2-0, 2-3)
Bogala; Schramseis, Cejka; Rappan (Fruhwirt), Smistik, Wana (Maydlmayr); Kirbes, Wesselik, Kaburek, Luef, Wessely.

1931: 1st Vienna (v. W.A.C. Vienna 1-2, 2-1)
Horeschofsky; Rainer, Blum; Schmaus, Hoffmann, Machu; Brosenbauer, Adelbrecht, Gschwiedl, Togel, Erdl.

1932: Bologna (walkover; other Semi-Finalists, Juventus and Slavia, disq.)
Gianni; Monzeglio, Gasperi; Montesanto, Baldi, Martelli; Maini, Sansone, Schiavio, Fedullo, Reguzzoni. (Usual team.)

1933: Austria (v. Ambrosiana 1-2, 3-1)
Billich; Graf, Nausch; Najemnik, Mock, Gall (Adamek); Molzer, Stroh, Sindelar, Jerusalem (Spechtl), Viertl.

1934: Bologna (v. Admira 2-3, 5-1)
Gianni; Monzeglio, Gasperi; Montesanto, Donati, Corsi; Maini, Sansone, Schiavio, Fedullo, Reguzzoni.

1935: Sparta (v. Ferencvaros 1-2, 3-0)
Klenovec; Burger, Czyrocki; Kostalek, Boucek, Srbek; Faszinek, Zalicek, Braine, Nejedly, Kalossay.

1936: Austria (v. Sparta 0-0, 1-0)
Zohrer; Andritz, Sesta; Adamek, Mock, Nausch; Riegler, Stroh, Sindelar, Jerusalem, Viertl.

1937: Ferencvaros (v. Lazio 4-2, 5-4)
Hada; Taitai, Koranyi; Maada (Hamori), Polgar, Szekely (Lazar); Tanzer (Biro), Kisz, Sarosi, Toldi, Kemenyi (Gyetvay).

1938: Slavia (v. Ferencvaros 2-2, 2-0)
Boscal; Cerny, Dancik I; Prucha, Dancik II, Kopecky; Horak, Simonek, Bican, Bradac, Vytlacil.

1939: Ujpest (v. Ferencvaros 4-1, 2-2)
Szklay; Puto, Fekete; Szalay, Szucs, Balogh; Adam, Vincze, Szengeller, Kallai, Chodlec.

1940-1950: No Competition.

1951: A modified version organised, with representatives from Austria, Yugoslavia and Italy, under the name of "Zentropa-Cup."
Rapid (v. Wacker Wien 3-2)
Musil; Merkl, Happel; Muller, Hanappi, Teinitzer; Korner I, Reigler, Gernhardt, Probst, Korner II.

1952-1954: No Competition.

1955: Voros Loboga (v. U.D.A. Prague 6-0, 2-1)
Faszkas; Kovacs II, Kovacs III, Kovacs I, Borsei, Zakarias; Sandor, Karasz, Hidegkuti, Molnar, Szimesi.

1956: Vasas (v. Rapid 3-3, 1-1, 9-2)
Kamaras; Karpati, Sarosi; Bundszak, Koncha, Berendi; Radaly, Csordas, Szilagyi, Teleki, Lelenka.

1957: Vasas (v. Vojvodina 4-0, 1-2)
Kovalik; Karpati, Sarosi; Szilagy, II, Teleki, Berendi; Radaly, Csordas, Szilagy I, Bundszak, Lelenka.

1958: World Cup Year; no competition.

1959: Honved (v. M.T.K. 4-3, 2-2)
Farago; Torocsik II, Dudas; Bozsik, Torocsik I, Kotasz; Budai, Kazincey, Tichy, Giliez, Szilasi.

1960: Competition revised and held on a national basis; six teams from each country participating played home and away against selected opponents. There was no individual winner.

Final Table:	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Hungary	12	8	1	3	17
Yugoslavia	12	7	1	4	15
Czechoslovakia	12	6	1	5	13
Italy	12	4	0	8	8
Austria	12	3	1	8	7

(Names in brackets indicate players who appeared in the second match of the two-leg final.)

Eire's Shamrock Rovers crashed 10-0 to Dukla Prague of Czechoslovakia during the second section of the United States Soccer League. Here Rovers goalkeeper Eamon Darcy portrays the position that Eire soccer as a whole finds itself at present. (Planet.)

Recent results may force new policy

Last season Eire hit rock bottom, says
TOM HULDOWNEY

EIRE'S recent World Cup failure, lamented throughout the country, turned the spotlight on her position in World soccer and focused attention on previous exploits in the Jules Rimet cup.

Never a nation to be feared, Eire won the respect of all by virtue of those fighting qualities always associated with the Irish.

Handicapped by a restricted field of selection and forced in latter years at any rate, to rely almost entirely on emigrants in the English Football league, this has resulted in a rather ambiguous International team set-up.

Many opine that a preponderance of cross-channel Irish in the national eleven is bad policy. Recent results bear out the argument. In the early days, home based players were in the ascendancy and results were no worse than to-day.

Despite their difficulties, the soccer ambassadors of the Emerald Isle have contrived to keep busy in the International sphere. Ninety games since 1924 testifies to the success of their efforts, while on the field of battle, the wearers of the green have achieved a fair measure of success, except in their World Cup sojourns where six attempts have ended in failure.

Eire made a bright start in the unknown depths of International football and when the World Cup series of 1934 found them grouped with Belgium and the Netherlands, optimism prevailed in Dublin, for victories had already been registered over the continentals.

The expected success did not materialize. Only a fantastic display by Paddy Moore, he scored all four goals, earned a draw with Belgium and at Amsterdam five weeks later Irish hopes were dashed, the Netherlands winning 5-3.

A black period followed: losing to Hungary, Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany, before the winning trail was resumed with Arsenal's centre-forward Jimmy Dunne scorer-in-chief.

In seven outings only one loss was sustained, to the Hungarians, while victims included France at Paris and a crack German team. Famous full-back Muenzenberg put through his own goal in a shock 5-2 defeat during the latter game.

1937 and Eire joined twenty-five other nations in pursuit of the third World Cup, the preliminaries of which were played on a home and away basis with aggregate scores being the deciding factor.

On that occasion Norway were the stumbling blocks, winning 3-2 at Oslo and forcing a 3-3 draw in Dublin against a team including a new 'cap' Jackie Carey, from Manchester United.

The immediate pre-war years were the most successful. A 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia at Prague: wins over Switzerland 4-0, Poland 3-2 and in 1939 two drawn games with Hungary, one of them at Cork in the only International played outside Dublin.

Doctor Kevin O'Flanagan, later to play for Arsenal, Jimmy Dunne, the renowned Paddy Bradshaw, Joe O'Reilly and of course Jackie Carey lifted Eire to a high place in world soccer ratings.

Carey excepted, these fine players ended their International careers at Bremen in 1939 where a Bradshaw goal shared the spoils with Germany and an era came to a close.

The first post-war International took place at Lisbon against Portugal in 1946. Only Carey remained of the 'old brigade' and a team drawn from both Irish Associations wore the green and lost 1-0.

New ground was broken when England, after trouncing Northern Ireland came South.

Dalymount Park, swept by wind and rain bulged at the seams, everyone eager to see England's cavalcade of stars. Tommy Lawton, Raich Carter, Wilf Mannion, Frank Swift and company.

The fans were not disappointed. Despite the power play of the white shirted sassenach, it was the homesters who shaped like winners, until the dying minutes of a great game, with the scoreboard blank and a black mark on the English crossbar, mute testimony to Alex Stevenson's lethal left foot and Frank Swift's one moment of helplessness, came tragedy. A defensive slip let Bob Langton in for the only goal. The Dalymount roar sank to a whisper, the shock of the century so near was far away.

Further defeats from Poland (twice) Spain, Switzerland, and Belgium sent Eire's prestige tumbling. The 1949 Goodison clash with England was viewed with apprehension. As at Dalymount, Eire started complete outsiders, yet astounded the football world by achieving the impossible. Their 2-0 triumph over the lion in his den was England's first defeat on home soil, by a country outside the home associations.

Easily Eire's greatest International performance, it was achieved under the captaincy of cultured Carey and highlighted by a breath-taking display of goalkeeping from Tom Godwin, a carpenter by trade, who really boarded up the goal.

Overshadowed by the Liverpool epic was another World Cup failure. Two games with Finland realized three points, but did not off-set home and away defeats from Sweden and for the third time Eire were out, first pop, from soccer's showpiece.

A series of defeats introduced the new decade, until a draw with France and an unexpected win over Austria improved matters.

The departure of Jackie Carey, cast a gloom over Irish football and did not improve Eire's World Cup preparations in 1953. However two wins over tiny Luxembourg raised Irish hopes, soon squashed, by a sparkling French team who won convincingly in Dublin and Paris.

Wins over the Netherlands and Norway: a Dublin draw with Spain: defeats by Germany at Hamburg, and Yugoslavia, the first team from Eastern Europe, post-war, to visit Dublin and the stage was set for another World Cup encounter.

Denmark and mighty England were Eire's foes in 1957. A 2-1 win over the Danes, followed by a 3-0 trouncing of World Cup holders Germany, this in a friendly International and thousands of optimistic Irish made the long journey to wonderful Wembley.

The futility of their excursion was driven home by Tommy Taylor with a couple of soul sickening early goals. A rickety defence was riddled five times. The final 5-1 tally made the Dublin return look a mere formality.

Once again the magic of the masters had Dalymount Park full to the roof tops. Many recalling the September game of eleven years previous and as on that occasion, home advantage spurred the green clad Irish to dizzy heights. The famous roar swelled to the sky as England trailed one down. Time was almost up, and victory in sight when big John Atyeo connected with a Tom Finney centre for the equaliser, and a sea of waving programmes raised in expectation of victory were thrown to the ground in defeat for a draw was defeat on that occasion.

In the final World Cup tie Eire travelled to Copenhagen and won 2-0. A first meeting with Rumania in a 'B' International ended level. Iceland 'B' were beaten at Reykjavik and in the first International to be played at Tolka Park, South Africa lost 1-0. Sweden winners at Wembley lost 3-2 at Dalymount after holding a 2-0 lead. They gained revenge at Malmo winning 4-1.

Last season Eire hit rock bottom. Their five year unbeaten home record was broken by Wales and World Cup wounds received from Scotland have not yet healed. Indeed a long convalescence is needed before a healthy Eire can hope to return to the reckoning in World soccer.

KENNEDY — MAN WITH A FUTURE

He is Scotland's latest, most expensive, English star! says ***KEN MONTGOMERY***

WHEN Manager Leslie McDowall of England's Manchester City signed Scottish club Kilmarnock's left-half, Bobby Kennedy, some weeks ago—thwarting Blackpool and Preston North End in the process—Mancunian eyerows raised were almost as many as the pounds sterling received by the Scottish club for their player—43,000. Perhaps that Lancastrian surprise was justified for Kennedy, before transfer negotiations were begun, was hardly the most talked-about player in Scottish football. International honours are generally regarded as a player's status symbol yet Kennedy, at the age of 24, had found himself wearing Scotland's dark blue only once—in an Under-23 International against Holland in 1958. Obviously, then, it was not the player's *past* which attracted Manager McDowall. The man at the Maine Road helm, himself a Scot, apparently considers Kennedy's *future* is what is going to matter more and he has backed his judgement to the tune of almost £45,000.

Surprising though it may seem, City's offer for the player did not come as sweet music to the ear of the Kilmarnock club—or to the Killie supporters. They would dearly love to have held on to the left-half. Indeed, only a few short weeks before the deal was completed, manager Willie Waddell assured me: "Kennedy is and will remain, a Kilmarnock player." At that time, Mr. Waddell could not have imagined the huge nature of the bid City were about to make.

Provincial club as Kilmarnock are, however, with home gates averaging only 12,000 or so and the massive skeleton of a new stand already taking shape when the Manchester offer was made, they simply could not afford to wave it aside.

Only a few months previously the player had been given a three-year contract, so the final word on the transfer was left to him. It was hardly surprising when he agreed to take his pretty young wife south of the border. He admitted quite frankly that he simply could not let pass such a wonderful opportunity, although he was most reluctant to leave Rugby Park and the club which had been so considerate to him.

I, for one, believe Kennedy when he says that the £40,000-plus tag will not be a milestone round his neck—that being Scotland's most expensive player ever to have crossed the border into English soccer will cause him no anxiety. He says this not like so many of those over-rated products of an inflationary age but as a quiet-spoken, sensible young man who, in conversation, gives little indication of the energy packed into his 5ft. 8in., 11st. 5lb. frame.

It is a little unfortunate that *WORLD SOCCER* does not include in its list of contributors the name of Lewis Carroll, or Hans Anderson. Only their brilliant pens could do justice to the Bobby Kennedy story. How else could one possibly compare his rise to a position in soccer's "Who's Who" than to a fairy tale? Only a few weeks after playing in the Scotland Under-23 team in Holland, the world seemingly spread out under his feet, he was laid low by illness. Pleurisy looked like nipping a truly brilliant football career in the bud as for months he lay on his back in Law Hospital.

It was during those long, critical weeks that Kennedy's remarkable fighting spirit was most evident. He refused to let his condition hector him into premature retiral. Gradually his strength was regained and the cure was completed by a few weeks' relaxation in the sea breezes of Brighton—prescribed by Kilmarnock, the club which never lost confidence in the player during his long, uphill fight back to full fitness.

After a ten-month absence Kennedy came back to the fray . . . back to a Kilmarnock team which, like himself, seemed to go from strength to strength. Even yet the story should not be quite complete. Kennedy's performances for the Ayrshire side, fine though they have been, were, I feel, only soccer *hors d'oeuvres*. The really tasty stuff has yet, I feel certain, to be purveyed. The meat may at the moment seem expensive to City fans, but the next month or so should see them feast on its succulence.

It was Malcolm MacDonald, the former Celtic inside-forward, now manager of English League side, Brentford, who brought Kennedy to Rugby Park from the Junior Coltness United in 1957. Even at the tender age of 20 the Motherwell-born half-back was showing signs of those powerful upfield surges, the fascinating long throws and that grim determination to succeed which will assuredly earn for him the admiration of all Manchester's keenest enthusiasts.

Manchester City allowed their long serving wing-half Ken Barnes to take up a player-managership with Wrexham and secured in his place the expensive Bobby Kennedy from Kilmarnock.

A human dynamo is Bobby Kennedy. Broad of shoulder, strong of thigh, he accelerates superbly, almost majestically, before sweeping upfield in support of his attack. Watching him in full throttle, thundering along with all the elegance of a thoroughbred let loose, one cannot help but notice the bewildering length of each ground-gobbling stride; the almost ferocious energy with which he goes into the tackle; the scrupulously fair way he plays his football.

It is his throws from the touchline which are his greatest characteristic, however. Only last season, for example, almost everyone in the Kilmarnock ground—with the possible exception of Kennedy himself—was amazed to see him take a throw from only fifteen or so yards inside the Dundee United half of the field.

Up soared the ball like some great white meteor, streaking through the air towards the opposing goal. Gradually it began to fall, but not until it had reached the goal-line where it bounced and then shot bullet-like into the net. The 'score' was, of course, disallowed—but never, surely did a player give such a Garth-like performance and remain unrewarded for his efforts.

Such a Herculean feat is typical of Kennedy, though. The irony of it is that he seemed, while sporting Kilmarnock's blue and white hoops, to go forever unrewarded. With the Rugby Park club Kennedy received a Scottish Cup runners-up medal, a similar memento for an unsuccessful appearance in a League Cup final and he twice shared in the talent money awarded to the players whose club finished second in the League Championship—the latter in successive seasons.

For their £43,000, City have bought themselves a player who is all that the words, "perpetual motion," could possibly stand for. One can only hope that his seemingly unlimited source of energy is just that: that he will not burn himself out because of his love of work on the field. What Manager McDowall has not purchased is a prolific goalscorer! In his four years at Rugby Park, Kennedy made 124 first-team appearances, including 13 competitive matches in the American Soccer League tournaments this year and last. All but 14 of these games saw him in the left-half role. A dozen times he wore the number four shirt and twice he was tried at inside-left. His "goals for" tally in all that time amounted to the pricely total of two—one against Celtic from the inside-left berth and the other in America this summer.

But if "Mr. K." made few direct hits, his immediate opponents were little more successful. It is not the first would-be international who has lost his chance of a "cap" by being completely mastered by the often-brilliant Bobby.

But for his long illness, which would have finished many lesser mortals, Kennedy would undoubtedly have had several Scottish caps to sport on his level young head. At 24, however, there is still time to throw him into the international arena, particularly as a reshuffle in the Scotland ranks seems assured.

In the meantime I, for one, have great expectations in his ability to make good in Manchester. It may take him a little time to settle, but taking another look at the size of that cheque manager Les McDowall had to autograph before securing his services, the quiet "Mr. K." should rest easy in the knowledge that his manager holds him in an esteem no less high than mine—or, indeed, of all who have seen him play.

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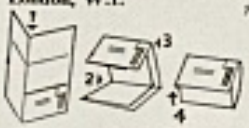

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EXCLUSIVE, our monthly South American Commentary from GORDON JEFFERY

IT would be unrealistic to write this period's South American Commentary without dealing to a considerable extent with the activities of their clubs and players in Europe. The Brazilians, as has often been mentioned before, in particular descend upon Europe in their hundreds—although the players themselves make up the smaller part of many of the touring parties!

A friend of mine was making a film recently around the Baltic countries and kept booking into hotels at terminals like Copenhagen to find the place teeming with light and dark skinned, long and slim, short and plump Brazilians plus various Europeans who had somehow attached themselves to the party. Every evening the footballers went early to bed whilst the rest of the entourage 'lived' it up in the bars!

Not that the players seemed to worry if their match results are any criterion—maybe they look forward to the day when they will be 'accompanying' a tour but they seem nearly always to derive so much zest and enjoyment from their own playing that I rather doubt even that. There is no exaggeration about the position however. The Mexicans (I accept that they are not South but Central Americans yet for the purposes of these commentaries they come into the same zone) when they recently toured Europe, for example, were a party of 55 of which just 22 were players. Theirs was by no means a strenuous tour either. It might, for that matter, not be out of place for me to remind readers of the Mexican international matches although I want to give greater prominence to the more recent and more important tour of the Argentinians.

19.4.61	Netherlands	1	Mexico	2
29.4.61	Czechoslovakia	2	Mexico	1
10.5.61	England	8	Mexico	0
16.5.61	Norway	1	Mexico	1

Four matches in 28 days can scarcely be described as arduous—particularly when 18 of the 22 players on tour took part! What was surprising—and could just conceivably have been foolhardy—was that after their leisurely saunter around Europe, the Mexicans had barely time to take breath before they were running onto the field for the last of their World Cup qualifying matches. It was true that they had before the kick-off the same number of points—four—as their nearest rivals, Costa Rica, who had completed their fixtures. But had the Netherlands Antilles won this final match against Mexico, they too would have had four points and a triple tie resulted. As it happened Mexico held on for a goalless draw to earn their usual place in the World Cup final stages—they have only missed qualifying once.

Brazil's Chinezinha of Palmeiras leaps to crash the ball past the fallen Sante Fe Independiente goalkeeper to score one of his team's goals in their 2-2 draw in Bogota last May. It was a game between the Brazilian and Colombian champions. (Planet.)

Argentina's European tour was an altogether more exacting affair with five internationals and a match against Inter Milan played in just over three weeks. I have no information about the full strength of the touring party—including the fellow-travellers—but they brought twenty-two players to Europe and all had a game even if Roberto Blanco had to wait until the final one against Inter to make his appearance, and the reserve goalkeeper, Errea, only played in the first part of the match against Italy. Guidi, Sanfilippo and Pando were the only players to appear in some part at least of every match but that becomes clear in the following table which seems the simplest way of showing both results and line-ups in a convenient form.

	a	b	c	d	e	f
Roma (Boca Juniors)	G	G	G*	G	G	G
Simeone (Velez Sarsfield)	RB	RB	RB	RH	RH	—
Vidal (Huracan)	LB	LB*	—	LB	LB	LB
Guidi (Lanus)	RH	RH	RH*	CH	CH*	CH
Ramos-Delgado (River Plate)	CH	CH	—	RB	RB	RB
Sacchi (Racing)	LH	LH*	LH	LH*	—	—
Corbatta (Racing)	OR	OR	—	OR*	OR*.	—
Rossi (San Lorenzo)	IR*	—	IR*	—	CF*	CF
Sosa (Racing)	CF	CF	—	CF*	CF*	—
Sanfilippo (San Lorenzo)	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL
Gonzalez (Atlanta)	OL	OL	OL	—	—	OL
Marzolini (Boca Juniors)	—	LB*	LB	—	—	—
Albrecht (Estud. de la Plata)	—	LH*	—	LH*	LH	LH
Pando (Argentinos Juniors)	IR*	IR	IR*	IR	IR	IR
Errea (Atlanta)	—	—	G*	—	—	—
Ramaccioti (Argentinos Js)	—	—	RH*	—	CH*	—
Navarro (Independiente)	—	—	CH	—	—	—
Grigaol (Atlanta)	—	—	OR	OR*	OR*	OR
Ortega (River Plate)	—	—	CF	—	—	—
Bozzio (San Lorenzo)	—	—	—	OL	OL	—
Artime (Atlanta)	—	—	—	CF*	—	—
Blanco (Racing)	—	—	—	—	—	RH

(*denotes played only part of the game)

Key to matches:

a — 4.6.61	v. Portugal	Won	2-0
b — 11.6.61	v. Spain	Lost	0-2
c — 15.6.61	v. Italy	Lost	1-4
d — 18.6.61	v. Czechoslovakia	Drew	3-3
e — 24.6.61	v. Soviet Union	Drew	0-0
f — 28.6.61	v. Inter Milan	Drew	1-1

In bald print the results themselves do not look impressive but they have to be set against the added difficulties always experienced not just by an international team playing 'away' but playing in another continent and against the deliberate policy of affording international experience to a large number of players. It might be mentioned in passing that shortly before leaving for Europe, Argentina played an international against Paraguay at Ascunsion and included in their team two further players, Canseco and Belen, who did not make the European trip—the result of the match incidentally was a goalless draw.

Whilst the tour was on, the Argentinian league programme was suspended—from the 28th May to the 9th July. The clubs needless to say were not inactive but happily occupied with 'friendlies' amongst themselves and against other South American clubs. But probably the most famous of the Argentinian club sides, River Plate, followed the national team to Europe and did what few clubs have done in recent years—beat Real Madrid before 100,000

The three pillars of the Chilean defence: Raul Sanchez, centre-half standing between full-backs Luis Eyzaguirre (left) and Sergio Navarro. They represent the key defenders in the 1962 Chilean World Finals for the host country.

NTINENT SETTLES DOWN

fans in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. The score was 3-2 in River's favour and their line-up for this show-piece of a match was Armadeo Carrizo in goal; Jose Ramos-Delgado and Marcelo Echegaray backs; Omar Rodriguez, Jose Varacka and Juan C. Schneider half-backs; Domingo Perez, Moacyr, Jose Garcia Castro (Pepillo as we know him), Delem (real name—Vladlem Quevedo Lazro Ruiz) and Roberto, forwards.

If you glance back to the table of the national players you will now see why Jose Ramos-Delgado was missing from the Argentinian line-up against Italy—he had been returned to his own club side for their prestige match against Real Madrid. After this match River Plate occupied themselves happily in the Italia '61, finishing undefeated in third place behind Santos (Brazil) and Inter Milan—since they had drawn one-all with Inter (the same score as did their national side) and soundly defeated Juventus 5-2 in the Third/Fourth places match, River probably felt themselves morally entitled to have shared second place and may even have hankered after a crack at the winners, Santos. Santos, for their part, possibly envy River their fixture with Real Madrid.

For their last match in Europe, River Plate tackled Seville and a somewhat tired team lost to the Spaniards by the odd goal in five. Apart from the eleven who played against Real Madrid, the Argentinian club brought with them the reserve 'keeper, Ovejero; Mieres and Decio backs; Doval, Lopez and Salvador half-backs; and Villagarcia, Rojas and Sarnari forwards—an imposing array of talented footballers.

A few months back I reported on South America's successful Summer Octagonal Tournament that was won by the Brazilian club, Flamengo, with Cerro of Uruguay second and Boca Juniors and River Plate tying for third place with eight points each from the seven games. Never reluctant for the excuse for a game these two Argentinian clubs met in a 'decider' shortly before River Plate's departure for Europe. R.P.'s outside-left Roberto got himself sent off the field, both clubs brought on two substitutes, the gate money topped a million pesos, the issue remained unresolved as to who should have been third and who fourth in the Summer Tournament since the result was River Plate 2 (Delem and Pepillo) Boca Juniors 2 (Almir and Valentim)—but, it is understood, a good time was had by all!

And now the serious business of the Argentinian championship is well underway again after the unusual early season vacation. The position at the end of May before the 'break' was that after seven matches Racing (13 points), River Plate (12) and Atlanta (11) headed the First Division table and these three clubs and Rosario Central (in fifth place) were all unbeaten. The first matches played after the 'holiday' quickly exploded most of those records. Chacarita Juniors beat Rosario Central 2-1, San Lorenzo de Almagro (to give them their full, delightful name) won by the same score at Atlanta, whilst—most surprising of all—River Plate, head in the clouds after their European successes, were brought rudely down to Argentinian earth before their own supporters by (another full and flowery title) Gimnasia y Esgrima de la Plate. A goal by Diego Bayo, Gimnasia's inside-left, after a spectacular run by his wing partner Gomez Sanchez was the only one scored in the match.

Only the league leaders, Racing, continued their triumphant march by winning away to Lanus by four goals to one. Since then even Racing's strong early running has been slowed a little with three draws in the four subsequent matches—but the fourth was won so that, after twelve matches—the latest stage reached at the time of writing—they remain unbeaten and at the head of the table with twenty points. River Plate with two wins, a draw and a defeat in their last four matches continue to trail three points behind. The draw, incidentally, was with Boca Juniors, the score was the same as that of River's pre-European tour friendly with Boca—two-all, and their Summer Octagonal duel yet remains unresolved!

Before leaving Argentina and as a change from a league table (the stop-press positions of the leading clubs may indeed be available for publishing elsewhere in this issue in any case) some readers might like to note the current leading goal-scorers in the Argentinian First Division. These two show changes from before the break when Sanfilippo, Borges, Pizzuti, Onega and Valentim lead the field. Today the top eleven (after them a whole batch have five apiece) reads:—

Artime (Atlanta) 11; Sanfilippo (San Lorenzo) 9; Borges and Pizzuti (both Racing) 8; Carceo (Argentinos Juniors), Menendez (Huracan) and Valentim (Boca Juniors) 7; Bayo (Gimnasia y Esgrima), Calla (Velez Sansfield), Menotti (Rosario Central) and Pepillo (River Plate) 6.

Elsewhere in South America, League programmes are getting well into their stride or on the verge of starting at the time of writing, and a few results and reports are coming in. In Uruguay, for example, I noticed that Penarol (who upset my last South American commentary by defeating Palmeiras for the South American Club championship and seem likely, despite official coolness, to be coming to Lisbon to play Benfica around September 23) were off the mark with a three-two win over Defensor and their old rivals Nacional beat Racing 6-1. On the other hand Cerro, who did so well in the Summer Octagonal Tournament, could only draw at home to Fenix.

In Chile there is considerable interest in the arrival of Real Madrid to play a few warming-up matches before the Spanish season starts—Gento, Di Stefano, Dos Santos, Perez Diaz, Del Sol, Vidal, Simonnsson, Santamaria, Puskas are all with the twenty-one strong party who have arrived. In the last Chilean league information I received the Universidad de Chile by beating Rangers 3-0 had taken advantage of Santiago Morning dropping a point to other championship aspirants, Universidad Catolica, to take a clear lead with ten points to Santiago Morning's nine. Palestino are also on the nine point mark and San Luis with a single point are propping up the table. But it is still early days.

It is early days, too, in the Sao Paulo region of Brazil while in the warmer Rio region the League programme has yet to start—it will be busy before you read this of course and should make interesting reading for the next South American Commentary. Maybe by then Santos (playing of course in the Sao Paulo region) will have got over their post-European depression.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS . . . . OCTOBER

October provides a real test

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THE next few weeks will be an anxious time for international team managers and selectors, for many of them will face tests in October. At the end of the month there will no doubt be one or two of them worried about whether or not they will be keeping their jobs. This is the moment of action for the European countries still hoping for a place in the final rounds of the World Cup and I expect that by the time the month is out England, Hungary, West Germany and Sweden will have made sure of their trip to Chile.

Five of the sixteen finalists are already known—all from South America. Brazil (the holders), Chile (hosts), Argentina, Colombia and Uruguay while Hungary and West Germany could add their names to the list without playing another game. Hungary's two rivals meet in Rotterdam and should the match end in a draw as seems quite possible this would put the Hungarians beyond the reach of either of their opponents. The Hungarians have slipped considerably during the last twelve months though they would probably still be more than a match for anyone at their own Nep-stadion where they entertain Holland later in the month. If the Dutchmen beat East Germany then Hungary can still ensure that they will be in the finals by winning this game. For Lajos Baroti manager and selector of the Hungarian team, the recent poor form of star centre-forward Florian Albert has been a great disappointment. After the home defeat against Austria in June, Mr. Baroti handed his resignation to the F.A. but despite strong criticism from press and public the F.A. persuaded him to change his mind. I cannot believe on current form that the Hungarians will be strong enough to challenge Brazil next year though frankly I cannot see anyone else doing that either—but at least Mr. Baroti should be at the World Series in an official capacity.

Like Hungary, West Germany could qualify by the grace of Ireland who meet Greece at Windsor Park, Belfast. If Danny Blanchflower and Co. can reverse the result of their meeting in Athens then Germany will qualify immediately. Greece should be far easier to beat away from home and although the Irish team has gone through a lean spell since they did so well in Sweden they should be able to beat a Greek team that has hardly won a match at home in years let alone when they have to travel and play in such unusual conditions as will apply in Belfast. In any event, Sepp Herberger's team still have to meet Greece at home themselves and though I am sure it will not prove necessary they can settle the issue then. For my money, Hungary and West Germany are as good as through.

England, too, have a fine opportunity of settling their last doubts about qualification in the match with Portugal at Wembley. Only two teams from outside the British Isles: Hungary and Sweden have ever beaten England at home and on this basis alone the Portuguese must be at a disadvantage. Even so they have an excellent side and were distinctly unfortunate not to beat England in Lisbon last May. If the conditions are not against their style of play, and if the English team does not include Jimmy Greaves and fails to blend in its new form then the result could be a surprise.

Sweden, I feel should win comfortably against Belgium in Brussels and could also win against Switzerland. This would give them a maximum eight points which is not at all necessary for qualification. Three points from the two games will be enough to see them through and armed with the knowledge that even two points will ensure that they cannot be eliminated without a play off on a neutral ground this should give them sufficient confidence to qualify. In the last year or so the Swiss have much improved since Karl Rappan took control once again but they have also lapsed on more than one occasion and the new team rebuilt by Mr. Rappan is considerably older than he would like. The key men are all well past thirty and not being in full time training this is a distinct disadvantage.

At the time of writing the result of Czechoslovakia's visit to Hampden Park is not known but whatever happens there, the Czechs will be more than eager to beat the Republic of Ireland whom they meet this month at home and away. At home there is no doubt in my mind that they will win—at

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Something fishy from Sweden! Rolf Ericsson is tied up with things for the moment, much to the chagrin of colleague Lars Granstrom in this Malmo-Degerfors Swedish League match recently. (Planet.)

BELGIANS IMPROVED UNDER GORMLIE

Under the guidance of national trainer Bill Gormlie, Belgium improved in the after-war years writes ***RAYMOND DEBISSCHOP***

IF there is one Englishman who has Belgian football at his fingertips, then he is Bill Gormlie.

Contracted by the Belgian Football Association to train the national team and to manage the national training centre at the Heysel, the former Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper arrived in Brussels in December 1946, fifteen years ago.

Unfortunately he could not speak French and this caused him a few problems at first. But as sympathy grew all round him and he knuckled down with a mighty will to his task, he soon discovered contentment in his new surroundings.

It did not take him long to demonstrate his qualities as a leader apart from his good sense and skill in football matters. Only a year after he commenced the training of the national team, which was floundering at the time, Bill Gormlie turned it into one of the strongest on the continent.

Having furnished the side with a splendid team spirit plus a method and style in perfect accord to its temperament and strength, he succeeded in raising the national team to heights of glory that constituted nine matches without defeat. This outstanding period—one of the most glorious in the history of the game in Belgium—lasted from June, 1948 to November, 1949.

It was at the Heysel that the Red Devils began that sequence with a fine 4-2 victory over France. Subsequently they gained four draws, with France in Paris, Holland in Antwerp, Spain in Barcelona and Holland in Amsterdam. From then on the team won 2-0 in Dublin against Eire before defeating Wales in Liege 3-1, Switzerland 3-0 in Brussels and Holland 1-0 in Rotterdam.

But at Cardiff on the 23rd November, 1949 this run of success came to a halt when Wales, led by the virulent Trevor Ford scorer of three goals of the five scored by the Welshmen, trounced the Belgians.

The Belgian Football Association did not renew Bill Gormlie's contract at the end of the 1952-3 season. His departure, it must be stated, only left regrets, principally because the players held him in such high esteem. For their farewell gift, the Belgian team turned in a memorable performance at Stockholm in May, 1953 where they beat Sweden 3-2. This also helped them to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Switzerland in 1954.

However, Bill Gormlie was not lost to Belgian football as he had been signed up by Sporting Club Anderlecht in 1949. He achieved equal success here. Up to December, 1959 when he left Anderlecht, the club had won six championships: 1950, 1951, 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1959. Since the beginning of last season, Bill Gormlie has been training Crossing Molenbeek, a Brussels club who play in Division III, but whose ambitions are as worthy and high as their administrators—dynamic men who want to see the club climb as a soccer force in the capital to rival Daring C.B., Union Saint Gilloise or S.C. Anderlecht.

Having followed the life course of Belgian football during the past fifteen years, Bill Gormlie is well qualified to judge the evolution of the subject. He told me:

Under the guidance of Belgium national trainer Bill Gormlie, the Red Devils improved tremendously in the years after the war. Here in an action picture from a Holland-Belgium international of five years ago, two Belgians on the left dispute possession in the air with a Dutchman.

"Since my arrival in 1946, the Belgian game has progressed technically. This improvement increases year by year as each club, no matter how low in status, improves through better training methods at the direction of trainers of calibre."

I asked him how he could explain the poor results of the national team in spite of this step forward in recent seasons. Bill Gormlie answered: "The best national or club teams—like Austria, Hungary, England, Arsenal—have all experienced rough passages. If the Belgian team is passing through a difficult period it is only because it does not possess players of the calibre of ten years ago, like Carre, Mermans, Lemberechts, Chaves and Anoul. There are many good players today, but few who really assert themselves.

"During the past few years the trouble has been the institution of complicated match tactics and systems entirely unsuited to the players. One must always adopt a system which suits the men at your disposal. It has been proved successful. Look at the days of the 'Great' Arsenal. If it succeeded with the system of the stopper centre-half it was only because they had players like Copping, Hulme, James, Bastin, Jack etc., and that they immediately understood what was asked of them.

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***ERIC CHARLESON** sums up the second United States International Soccer League*

The Dukla dazzlers bamboozled Everton

In the second leg of the final of the U.S. International League, Dukla Prague defeated Everton 2-0 (having won the first 7-2), and above, Jan Brumovsky of Dukla and George Thomsen of Everton (right) jump for the ball at the Polo Grounds, New York. See story this page. (Planet.)

SINCE the war, there has been an increasing number of overseas clubs playing in the United States, but the Americans have had to wait until now to see the best of them all—Dukla Prague, champions of Czechoslovakia and waltzing artists who have just annexed the United States International League trophy to their list of honours.

There are few New Yorkers—or pressmen, for that matter—who would not agree with the 'best ever' rating Dukla have earned. They swept aside the challenge of England's Everton in a manner which was as convincing as the final two-leg aggregate of 9-2 suggests.

Everton, a combination of expensive and highly individualistic Britons whose chances in the current English First Division are being highly considered, could offer no excuse for their humiliation, other than an injury in each game. But this disadvantage (Alec Young went off in the first leg and his substitute Frank Wignall, left the field in the second) did not in any way belittle the performance of the Czechoslovakians.

There was one noticeable difference between the two finalists, obvious to even the most apathetic American enthusiast: whereas Dukla Prague coaxed, stroked and weaved the ball into a number of patterns, Everton kicked it vigorously upfield and then ran after it. Actually, it was Everton who created the most scoring chances, but it was the Czechoslovakians who converted the greater number.

A total of 32,000 watched the two final games, and on average, the attendances throughout both the first and second sections of this tournament, were slightly up on last year.

Thus encouraged, there is no holding the American organisers now. Plans for next year's International League are already at the blueprint stage and not only have the Dukla dazzlers been promptly invited to return, but I understand Spain's Real Madrid and one of the Moscow clubs will be asked to compete.

The complete results and table for Section One appeared in the August edition of this magazine; on this page is a similar record of all that went on in Section Two, including the final line-ups.

The Americans—and, for that matter, the Canadians—must be wondering when they will be strong enough to take part in the tournament with home-bred teams. New York Americans had nine British 'imports' whilst Montreal's Concordia had six Britons. Concordia, especially, were impressive. Taking part in both sections, they noticeably improved in the second.

Personality of the whole tournament was undoubtedly Dukla's inside-left Rudolf Kucera, a comparative "unknown" in European circles who will, I unhesitatingly forecast, become a leading European star and, possibly, will find his way into regular selection for the Czechoslovakian national side. He will need to displace the already established Kvasniak of Spartak Prague but many European experts predict the Czechs will force Kucera in by switching Kvasniak to the centre-forward berth.

SECTION TWO FINAL TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Dukla Prague	7	6	1	0	36	6	13
Concordia	7	3	4	0	17	10	10
AS Monaco	7	4	0	3	18	13	8
Red Star	7	3	1	3	24	17	7
Espanol	7	3	1	3	15	19	7
Rapid Vienna	7	2	1	4	12	18	5
Shamrock R.	7	1	2	4	12	26	4
Petah Tikva	7	0	2	5	6	31	2

SECTION TWO RESULTS

JUNE 27 (New York)

Shamrock R. drew with Petah Tikva ... 2-2

JUNE 29 (Montreal)

Concordia beat Petah Tikva 4-0
Dukla Prague beat Red Star 4-2

JULY 2 (New York)

Monaco beat Rapid 3-2
Dukla Prague beat Petah Tikva 7-1

JULY 4 (New York)

Monaco beat Shamrock Rovers 4-1
Dukla Prague beat Rapid 6-0

JULY 4 (Montreal)

Concordia drew with Espanol 1-1

JULY 6 (Montreal)

Concordia drew with Dukla Prague ... 2-2
Espanol beat Monaco 3-1

JULY 9 (New York)

Concordia drew with Red Star 2-2
Espanol beat Shamrock Rovers 4-1

JULY 11 (Montreal)

Concordia beat Rapid 3-2

JULY 12 (New York)

Dukla Prague beat Monaco 2-0
Red Star beat Espanol 7-2

JULY 16 (New York)

Shamrock Rovers beat Red Star 5-1
Dukla Prague beat Espanol 5-1

JULY 18 (Montreal)

Concordia beat Monaco 3-1

JULY 19 (New York)

Rapid beat Shamrock Rovers 3-1
Red Star beat Petah Tikva 7-0

JULY 23 (New York)

Monaco beat Petah Tikva 5-0
Rapid beat Espanol 3-0

JULY 24 (Montreal)

Shamrock R. drew with Concordia ... 2-2

JULY 26 (New York)

Red Star beat Rapid 3-0
Espanol beat Petah Tikva 4-1

JULY 29 (New York)

Dukla Prague beat Shamrock R. 10-0
Monaco beat Red Star 4-2
Rapid drew with Petah Tikva 2-2

FINALS

AUGUST 3 (New York)

Dukla 7 (Kucera 3, Jelinek, Borovicka, Brumovsky, Masopust)
Everton 2 (Vernon, Young)

Dukla: Kouba; Safranek, Cadek; Novak, Pluskal, Masopust; Brumovsky, Vacenovsky, Borovicka, Kucera, Jelinek.

Everton: Dunlop; Parker, Thomson; Gabriel, Labone, Harris; Bingham, Collins, Young, Vernon, Fell.

AUGUST 6 (New York)

Dukla 2 (Kucera, Brumovsky)
Everton 0

Dukla: Kouba; Safranek, Cadek; Novak, Pluskal, Masopust; Brumovsky, Vacenovsky, Borovicka, Kucera, Jelinek.

Everton: Dunlop; Parker, Thomson; Gabriel, Labone, Harris; Bingham, Vernon, Wignall, Collins, Fell.

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RECORD OF THE COUNTRIES

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	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A
Argentina				—						—		
Czechs				—						—		
England	35	3	7	25	37	125	33	2	3	28	27	132
France	1	0	1	0	2	2	3	1	0	2	4	8
W. G'r'any	1	0	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	1	2
Greece				—			1	0	0	1	1	2
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	2	4
Portugal	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Scotland	34	4	5	25	31	104	32	3	5	24	28	110
Spain				—			1	0	0	1	2	6
Wales	34	13	7	14	70	61	34	8	8	18	42	92
	107	22	20	65	148	297	108	14	17	77	108	357

ON NEUTRAL GROUNDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Argentina	1	0	0	1	1	3
Czechoslovakia	2	2	0	0	3	1
France	1	0	0	1	0	4
W. Germany	1	0	1	0	2	2
	5	2	1	2	6	10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	% suc.
Grand Total:	220	38	38	144	262	664	25.91

(Up to and including 10.5.61 v. W. Germany)

WEST GERMANY

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A
Argentina				—						—		
Austria	7	2	3	2	12	16	5	2	0	3	9	13
Belgium	5	4	0	1	14	5	6	3	0	3	15	12
Bulgaria	2	2	0	0	7	2	2	1	0	1	3	3
Chile	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Czechs	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	1	4	4
Denmark	4	3	0	1	15	7	6	2	1	3	13	15
England	3	0	1	2	7	12	2	0	0	2	1	6
Estonia	2	2	0	0	9	1	1	1	0	0	2	0
Finland	3	2	0	1	11	2	4	3	1	0	14	7
France	4	1	2	1	10	8	3	1	0	2	4	5
Greece				—			1	1	0	0	3	0
Hungary	7	4	2	1	12	9	8	0	2	6	15	28
Iceland				—			1	1	0	0	5	0
N. Ireland	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	4	3
Rep. Ire'nd	5	3	1	1	9	4	3	0	0	3	4	11
Italy	5	1	1	3	8	9	5	1	0	4	7	12
Latvia	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	3	1
Lux'mb'urg	2	2	0	0	13	1	2	2	0	0	12	1
Netherlands	9	2	3	4	19	15	9	4	3	2	22	21
Norway	8	5	2	1	20	8	7	4	3	0	15	5
Poland	4	3	1	0	7	2	2	1	1	0	6	3
Portugal	2	1	1	0	3	2	2	2	0	0	6	1
Rumania	1	1	0	0	4	2	1	1	0	0	4	1
Saarland	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	3	1
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	4	2	0	0	2	2	5
Spain	2	1	0	1	3	2	2	1	1	0	4	3
Sweden	7	4	1	2	18	13	8	1	2	5	9	15
Switzerl'nd	13	7	3	3	34	16	13	11	0	2	38	20
Turkey	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	0
U.A.R.				—			1	0	0	1	1	2
Uruguay				—						—		
U.S.S.R.	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	3
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	7	5	2	1	0	1	6	4
	107	57	23	27	258	152	106	49	14	43	239	208

ON NEUTRAL GROUNDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Argentina	1	1	0	0	3	1
Austria	3	2	0	1	10	8
Belgium	1	1	0	0	5	2
Czechoslovakia	2	0	1	1	3	5
France	1	0	0	1	3	6
Hungary	4	1	0	3	8	17
N. Ireland	1	0	1	0	2	2
Sweden	1	1	0	0	2	1
Switzerland	3	1	1	1	7	5
Turkey	2	2	0	0	11	3
Uruguay	1	0	0	1	1	4
Yugoslavia	2	2	0	0	3	0
	22	11	3	8	58	54

	P	W	D	L	F	A	% suc.
Grand Total:	235	117	40	78	555	414	58.30

(Up to and including 10.5.61 v. N. Ireland)

Unfortunately, the detailed record of the Greek national team was not available at the time of going to press and was, therefore, omitted. However, in the feature on these pages, references to the recent Greek international record have frequently been made and should help readers to come to a comparable assessment of Greek World Cup chances.—Editors.

Group III of Europe is outlined in this month's World Cup Groups in detail, our exclusive preview compiled by **GORDON JEFFERY**

What price the former winners?

WEST Germany are the only European nation to have won a post-war World Cup Competition—Italy are the only other European nation to be found on the still short and select list of World Cup winners but Italy's two wins date from the pre-war period when the entries were small, the organisation poor and the title a misnomer.

That there was an almost unanimous agreement amongst all who saw even the final stages of the 1954 competition—let alone other important matches of the period—that the West Germans were a long way behind the Hungarians, and probably other nations, in football skill, cannot alter the fact that when Mr. Ling blew his whistle in the Wankdorf Stadium, Berne, at the end of the final match—the score was West Germany 3, Hungary 2. No after-the-match arguments that Puskas' goal five minutes from the end was a very good one and not, as the linesman flagged and the referee ruled, an offside one could alter that score. No allegations that the incredible fitness of the Germans during the match was partly gained by the taking of drugs before the match could prise the Cup itself from their possession.

Hungary's four-year run of triumph had ended in the one match they needed most to have won. The West Germans who had only returned to the field of international football in 1950 (and then only for one match late in November of that year), had only formed their full (as distinct from merged professional/amateur) national side from that time, were in the record books as the World Champions.

It was appropriate that their triumph took place in Switzerland—it would have been more appropriate had it been in Basle and not Berne since it was in Basle that the Germans made their international début on April 5, 1908. Their opponents, of course, were Switzerland and the Swiss were victors by five goals to three. The Germans changed their goalkeeper and both backs for their second match played in Berlin a fortnight later against an England amateur eleven—but again the defence conceded five goals, while the attack mustered one. An odd goal in five defeat in Vienna completed the 1908 début year but the following year brought the first German victory—one goal to nil over Switzerland at Karlsruhe.

The match played in 1908 against England is not included in the accompanying table of Germany's international record since the English team was their amateur and not their full national side. Indeed the full national elevens of Germany and England did not meet until 1930 when they shared six goals in Berlin. Two more pre-Second World War

West Germany defeated Greece 3-0 in their World Cup Qualifying match last November and our picture below shows Andreas Papaemmanouil, the Greek inside-forward, trying to outrun Willi Giesemann, West Germany's half-back. (Metelmann.)

Even the Greeks haven't a word for it—the fantastic agility of their goalkeepers. Here is George Toufexis who, naturally, has won the nickname of "The Flying 'Keeper" sailing through the air; but on this occasion he took off a shade too late and his team, Apollo, was defeated 2-1 by Ethnikos in the semi-final of the Easter Cup Tournament. (Keystone.)

matches both ended in English victories as have the two post-war meetings. England, Scotland, Uruguay, the USSR and the UAR are the only countries played against by the Germans whom they have yet to beat—they have only played once each against Uruguay and the UAR and twice against the Soviet Union. England are their only real "bogey" team — two "B" internationals and two "Under-23" matches have likewise failed to produce a German victory.

Some record books, incidentally, show German-England meetings even prior to 1908—notably two played in 1901, both of which ended in double-figure defeats for the Germans. But these matches are accepted neither by the Football Association nor by the German body—the Deutscher Fussball-Bund. The latter, the German F.A., was founded in 1900 but the game itself was played under accepted Association rules in Germany at least as early as 1875—possibly the first country outside of the United Kingdom, that is to say, to do so. The German official international team, however, was not formed until 1908 and it is from then that the official (and *World Soccer's* therefore) record of international matches begins.

Semi-professionalism was introduced in 1948 and from 1950 onwards the West Germans have fielded separate national and purely amateur elevens—before the war the two were as one. It was therefore in the Olympic Games that the Germans made their first venture into competitive international football—this was in 1912. Austria easily disposed of Germany by five goals to one in the Games (played in Stockholm) but in the Consolation Tournament although losing 3-1 to Hungary, the Germans had their first taste of a really satisfying success by beating a Russian entry by sixteen goals to nil! After the First World War the Germans had to wait until 1928 before they re-appeared in the Olympic competition where, in Amsterdam, a victory over Switzerland took them to the quarter-finals—and defeat by Hungary.

It was soon after this that Germany showed signs of developing into one of the strongest and most skilful of the world's footballing nations and in 1934 they made a notable first appearance in the World Cup. Qualifying for the final stages in Italy was easy enough—they had only Luxembourg to beat but there was no room for doubting the ability of the team that beat Belgium 5-2 and Switzerland 2-1 to reach the semi-finals. At this stage the Germans were halted by the Czechs (by 3-1) who were probably the best in the competition at that time although they lost the final in extra time to Italy. The Germans by beating Austria 3-2 gained third place.

The World Cup ranking in 1934 and a splendid 1935 record of 13 wins, one draw and only three defeats, caused high national hopes to be put upon the German entry for the 1936 Olympics held in Berlin. In the event, however, despite an easy first round match against Luxembourg, the Germans lost in the quarter-finals to Norway and the Games themselves were turned into a travesty of all they were intended by the blatant political propaganda imposed by the Hitler régime. It is possible to expect a complete divorcement of political conditions from the world of international football—or any other international sport for that matter. All countries tend naturally to play their "friendly" internationals with countries closest to them historically and politically and not to play against those furthest from them.

Despite this there have been many instances when football has been the instrument bringing together two peoples whose habits, customs and ideas are normally kept remote from each other by walls raised by their respective politicians. Then we can applaud and be proud of the peaceful role of international sport in a divided world.

It is, unfortunately, another story when sport itself is used as an instrument for political purposes and that was the tragic feature of German sport in the late thirties. The record often reads well so far as matches played and won were concerned but it was well known that "The Nazis are looking for easy opponents and victories to boost their régime. It is their way of claiming a super-race. "In the most important (politically) of their matches in the period they came unstuck —when, despite playing under great tension, England won in Berlin by six goals to three in 1938. The match is worth noting here, apart from the German side of the story, in that dancing down the wing that sun-filled May afternoon was Stanley Matthews.

Beside Matthews' longevity as a player, my German link is slight but as I prepared this article I was pleased to notice in the West German line-up for their first post-Hitler international (in 1950) the name of Morlock. This fine player faded from the international-playing scene soon after his appearances in the 1954 World Cup but we may be hearing more of Max this coming season as a member of the Nurnberg team playing, as the current German champions, in the European Cup.

Since the war, of course, there has been two Germanys—West and East—both affiliated to FIFA. The overall record of the West Germans since their F.A. was re-formed in 1950 is not, in terms of matches won and lost, level with that of the five seasons before the war but, as I have mentioned, the achievements are higher with the 1954 World Cup victory the peak—and fourth place in 1958 no small honour to go with it. For much of this they have to thank the calculating brain of their veteran team manager, Sepp Herberger. Immediately prior to the 1954 finals they had a fairly successful run over moderate opposition. In the finals themselves Herberger knew exactly their strength and their limitation—he accepted his team's inferiority to Hungary and when the two had to meet in the same group rested players and was prepared for defeat—and to qualify in second place. Thus when the two meet again in the Final itself the German players—assisted too by comfortable quarter and semi-final matches against Yugoslavia and Austria whilst Hungary had two hard tussles with Brazil and Uruguay—were the fitter, physically and mentally. In the group match they had lost by eight goals to three; in the final they came back from two-nil down to their three-two victory.

Two months after their World Cup victory the Germans played their next international match. It was against Belgium in Brussels and the West Germans lost two-nil! Before the end of the year they played three more matches—and lost the first two of them to France and England before beating Portugal. Not the results expected from World champions—but they had won the matches that did matter.

Much the same pattern can be seen in West Germany's more recent matches—two wins, two draws and two defeats in 1959, five wins and two defeats last year. Last year's defeats

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TROUBLE ON THE HORIZON?

Despite a players' threat to strike unless the number of foreign players is drastically reduced; the attempted breakaway by River Plate and Company to form a super league and the struggle between Stabile and Spinetto for the position of manager coach to the national eleven, the new Argentinian season started peacefully enough!

A focus on Argentina by ROGER MACDONALD

ARGENTINA took up soccer almost as soon as the British Isles, for regular matches were played under Association rules as early as 1870. Moreover football, a mixture of the handling and kicking codes, had begun several years before, at the home—rather paradoxically—of the Buenos Aires Cricket Club. English residents, who had formed the club about 1860, kept fit during the close season by playing "football" and in due course the game with the larger ball became of equal importance. In 1865 the keen footballers decided to place the winter sport on an official basis and in May of that year Buenos Aires F.C. was formed, playing its first match—still within the cricket enclosure—on June 22.

In 1870 the split between soccer and rugby occurred, but as both games were virtually monopolised by the British residents, it was accepted without much opposition. Many found themselves able to play both games concurrently and it was only after 1900 that intensified competition made this impossible. In 1911 the star Buenos Aires forward, Arnold Hutton, one of several Britons selected for the "national side", refused to turn out—because he had promised to play rugby against R. V. Stanley's XI, a touring side from England.

Soccer reached its zenith under British promotion about the turn of the century, when the British clubs — Buenos Aires, Newell's Old Boys, River Plate, Lomas and the English High School—fought out the championship among themselves. The Argentinian Football Association was founded in 1893 and the first official international match played against Uruguay some twelve years later. Several teams from the British Empire toured the country with great success, including Southampton (1904), Notts County (1904) and South Africa (1906). The last-mentioned won eleven of their twelve matches in South America, but the full Argentinian side put up a great fight before going down 0-1.

However, by 1910 British influence was on the decline and soccer was losing rather than gaining popularity; but for the immigration of thousands of Italians the game might well have perished. They integrated with the native population—something the Britons had never managed to do—and their closer relationship soon resulted in an exchange of cultural ideology—especially the cult of football. The seeds of a passion were sown: seeds which were to bear fruit in later years.

The leading clubs, greatly reinforced by Italians, quickly overshadowed the British remnants and after the First World War Boca Juniors, Huracan, Sportivo Barracas and Racing became the giants of Argentinian football. They made rapid progress, as the visiting British clubs of this era can testify: Motherwell, one of Scotland's strongest sides, lost a series of matches in the capital, while Chelsea, newly promoted to the top flight of the Football League, were given their toughest test of a long South American tour.

When Sir Thomas Lipton, the tea millionaire, presented a cup in 1902 for annual competition between Argentina and Uruguay, he little realised that this was to be only the first of many South American competitions. The first match, which took place in 1905, was drawn, but Argentina went on to win seven times in the next eleven years. An annual game between the same countries for the Newton Cup started in 1906, while the Rosa Chevallier Boutell trophy drew Argentina into competition with Paraguay from 1923. Meanwhile the "Coppa Roca" had been played for since September, 1913, when Brazil beat their southern rivals in Buenos Aires by the odd goal.

Argentina played a large part in the founding of the South American Confederation (1915) and staged the first championships of the continent in the following year. However, Uruguay and Brazil, already well-established in international football, dominated the competition until the late 1920s.

By this time the Uruguayans had startled Europe in winning the 1924 Olympic Football Tournament, and they decided to defend their title at Amsterdam four years later. Argentina, who had won the South American Championships at Lima in 1927, had high hopes of overtaking their rivals in what was still the world's premier competition. As events were to show, the two strong South American sides dominated this amateur tournament and also, two years later, the Montevideo World Cup: a fine achievement, even if the latter did lack strong participants from Europe.

Argentina met Uruguay in the Final of both competitions and twice lost after promising to have the better of the day. In 1928 they looked the better side in holding Uruguay to a draw, only to lose the replay 2-1; two years later they led by the same score, but were robbed of victory by a tremendous Uruguayan rally which resulted in three goals in the last half hour.

Their defeats could not be attributed to lack of ability, for on each occasion they were able to field several outstanding players. In 1928 they had outside-left Orsi, who scored a hat-trick against Belgium, centre-half Monti, incomparable for his skill and over-robustness, centre-forward Ferreira, fast and deadly, and Juan Evaristo, a versatile wing-half. Raymondo Orsi was spirited away by Juventus of Turin, but an able substitute

Czechoslovakia drew with Argentina 3-3 in a friendly international match last June and the picture above shows Czechoslovakia's left-winger Masek in a struggle for the ball with Delgado, Argentina's right-back. Masek scored one of his team's goals.

Seen during their training at the Children's Stadium in Luzhniki are members of the Argentinian football team who went to Moscow to meet the Russian national team. The result ended in a goal-less draw. (Planet 1.)

was found in Mario Evaristo, brother of Juan, who was matched only by outside-right Peucelle in high-speed passing.

Another new discovery at Montevideo was Guillermo Stabile, goal snatcher extraordinary, and top scorer in the Championships. However, even he could not nullify the goalkeeping errors of Bossio and Botasso, or inject the killer instinct into his side. In both Finals they took the lead, but on each occasion failed to clinch victory.

During the next three decades Argentina became involved in a series of disputes with her neighbours, both in sport and in politics. Trouble began soon after the Montevideo defeat, when unfounded complaints were made of one-sided refereeing, an Argentinian crowd stoned the Uruguayan Embassy at Buenos Aires, and the Argentinian Federation broke off relations with its Uruguayan counterpart.

Relations with Brazil also became strained, and international meetings between the "big three" of South America were rare during the next seven years. Attendances went down, and the star players travelled to Europe in search of better pay. Argentina sent only a "scratch" side to the 1934 World Cup, preferring to lose 3-2 to Sweden in the First Round rather than lose a whole team at the end of the competition to rich Italian clubs. Ancient bitterness towards Uruguay, Brazil and the Italian "poachers" resulted in her absence from the three subsequent World Cups.

Turning quickly from this gloomy picture of international football, a look at Argentina's flourishing domestic scene reveals steady progress. The League reached its zenith in the 1940s, when for ten years one club remained supreme in the face of fierce opposition: it was River Plate, one of the most famous clubs in the world.

River Plate, a pioneer club of Buenos Aires, had basked in the light of British patronage during the nineteenth century, only to decline rapidly in the face of Italo-Argentinian competition. They became dwarfed by neighbouring Boca Juniors and Sportivo Barracas, and it was not until they moved to the Nuriez district, known as the "Millionarios" quarter, that they began to reassert themselves.

The League Championship was won in 1936 and 1937, when the success of two players, Pencelle and Ferreira, became legendary. Bernabe Ferreira was renowned for his phenomenal shooting: he scored more long-distance goals than any other player in Argentine football. River Plate's chief rivals at this time, Argentinos Juniors, were beaten 6-0 on one occasion, Ferreira scoring three thunderbolt goals.

The war had little effect on South America and Argentinian soccer rose to a level unrivalled in the history of the game. River Plate acquired a magnificent forward line—Munoz, Moreno, Pederna, Labruna, Lousteau—all of whom were outstanding international players; they finished in the top two places in every season from 1939 to 1947.

Soon other stars emerged, such as Di Stefano, Sandor Reyes and Nestor Rossi (River Plate), Sosa (Boca Juniors), Pontoni and Martino (San Lorenzo), and Erico (Independiente); it seemed that Argentina's wealth of talent must make her one of the strongest footballing nations. The South American Championship was won in 1937, 1941, 1945, 1946 and 1947, when Di Stefano made his sensational international début, scoring five goals in seven matches.

However, the promise of even better things was never fulfilled; fate—or rather fortune—decreed it otherwise: once again wealthy foreign clubs attracted the best players abroad. Just as Stabile (Red Star), Orsi and Monti (Juventus), Guaita and Evaristo (Roma), and Andreolo (Bologna) left for Europe before the war, so Di Stefano (Real Madrid), Sosa (Racing Club de Paris), Montuori (Fiorentina), Grillo (Milan), Angelillo (Internazionale), Maschio (Bologna) and Sivori (Juventus) have quitted Argentina in more recent times. Without them Argentina slumped 1-6 against Czechoslovakia in the 1958 World Cup, a defeat which prompted one of their journalists to remark bitterly: "We should not have wasted money in bringing this team to Europe: our fifty best players are here already." It will be supreme irony if Argentina lose—as they have already done this year—to Spain or Italy in Chile, for these cosmopolitan nations depend on naturalised Argentinians like Di Stefano and Enrique Sivori for their success.

With the best players demonstrating their skill in far-off lands, the standard of Argentinian football has slumped badly in recent years, so much so that the leading clubs have begun to import stars from abroad. There are fifty aliens in the country, mainly Brazilians and Uruguayans, but others have come from Peru, Paraguay, Spain, France and Hungary. In recent years Buenos Aires clubs have fielded the following players: Sanchez and Joya (Peru), Escalada and Perez (Uruguay), Roberto, Moacyr and Paulinho (Brazil) with River Plate; Roland, Silveira, Aguilera and Alcides (Uruguay) with Independiente; and Orlando (Brazil) with Boca Juniors. The last-mentioned have been harshly criticised for plunging heavily into the transfer market, having bought Sasia, Davoine, Valentino, Rarsaciolli and Mazazzo for large fees in the last three seasons.

Despite the home players' threat to strike unless the number of foreigners is drastically reduced, the attempted breakaway by River Plate and Co. to form a super-League and the struggle between Stabile and Spinetto for the position of manager-coach to the national team, the new season has started peacefully. True, four players were sent off in the Ferro-Racing clash earlier this year, but this scarcely compares with "the good old days" of 1945 when a "battle" during one of Boca Juniors' home matches resulted in all twenty-two players being suspended!

Although Argentina have fine players in Roma, one of the world's best goalkeepers, Sacchi, Racing's fine attacking wing-half, and Sanfillipo, San Lorenzo's much-wanted forward, their European tour results—one win, two draws, two defeats—do not seem to indicate that they can be considered as likely winners in Chile. However, coach Vittorio Spinetto is optimistic, declaring that "If it is not we who win the 1962 World Cup then it will be only because Brazil will do it", even if the Argentine press—"we have qualified without any great hopes"—think otherwise. Perhaps Spinetto is right, for, after all, the competition has been won by outsiders twice before. . . .

The World Cup Groups in Detail — Group III

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were by the Republic of Ireland and Bulgaria —but the wins included both of the World Cup Qualifying matches they played. So far this year three matches have been played—amongst them a defeat in Chile but no doubt the experience of playing there counted for more than the result! And again the match that mattered — the second one against Northern Ireland was duly won.

Unless the Greeks win both their remaining matches—in W. Germany and N. Ireland —the Germans' trip to Chile for the finals is ensured. Even should the Greeks win, a play-off between themselves and the Germans would be necessary and it is unlikely the latter would slip up twice.

As to the Greeks themselves, so far as a football history is concerned, there is little as yet to record. Football was not officially included in the Olympic Games until 1908 but prior to that exhibition matches and tournaments had been played—the first in 1900 was a match between a London club, Upton Park, and a French side. Later at an intermediate "Olympics" at Athens in 1906—four teams took part—one from Denmark and three, representing different regions, from Greece itself. An official Greek eleven was also on the scene in the 1920 Antwerp games—losing 9-0 to Switzerland. But the rest until the past ten years is silence—or nearly so.

In fact the Greek F.A. did come into official being in 1926 and despite the occasional stress and turmoil that has been the lot of Greece in modern times has continued to function. For a time Greece, as the junior partner, played occasional matches with their Balkan neighbours as Rumania and Yugoslavia and for a short period after 1948 with Turkey. The World Cup did not escape their notice and the Greeks made an early (if very brief) appearance in the 1934 competition—losing 4-0 to Italy in a single qualifying match.

Since the war, however, there have been signs of a more settled and consistent approach to the international aspects of the game and a team was entered for the 1952 Olympics (lost 2-1 to Denmark); for the 1954 World Cup (beaten twice by Yugoslavia but twice winners over Israel); for the 1958 World Cup (twice beaten by Rumania and once by Yugoslavia but—a good performance—a home draw with the latter) and for the 1960 Olympics (two defeats by their old enemy Yugoslavia and a win and a defeat to Israel).

More recently Greek football has been in the news for a different reason—a strongly rumoured Brazilian demand for an inquiry into the play of the Greeks and the organisation generally of the three matches Santos FC played in Athens at the end of the European tour! That the Brazilians, who should be well accustomed to explosive atmospheres and temperamental players, were frightened rather suggests that a few more years have to pass before the Greeks are firmly established.

A new picture of Erwin Stein (above) the fast-moving and creative centre-forward of West Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt. (Metelmann.)

And so to turn from a somewhat retarded youngster to the old man of the group—Northern Ireland. The first recorded game of Association football played in Ireland was on the Ulster Cricket Club's ground on October 24, 1878, between two Glasgow clubs, Queen's Park and Caledonian FC. Soon after this an Ulster Football Club was formed and the Irish Football Association came into being two years later. Its early years were inevitably affected by the disturbances in Ireland as a whole and eventually in 1921 the clubs in Southern Ireland broke away to form the Irish Free State Football Association which later became the Football Association of Ireland.

It is a coincidence that two of three countries in this group are therefore in fact part-countries but whereas West Germany is much the larger part of Germany as a whole, Northern Ireland covers only the smaller part of Ireland. So far as matches in the British Home Championship are concerned players born in the Republic of Ireland can be called upon by the Irish Football Association but not for other matches.

In the British Championships Ireland have usually been the junior partner—only once (1913-14) the Tournament winners. Once before in 1902-3 there was a triple tie for first place that Ireland shared with England and Scotland and, more recently, all four countries tied (in 1955-56) and in both 1957-58 and 1958-59 Northern Ireland shared the championship with England. These latter years probably saw the national side at its peak and deserving of the high praise afforded them in the 1958 World Cup finals.

In the qualifying group matches N. Ireland were pitted against Italy and Portugal—not easy meat. In fact they shared the points from their two matches against Italy, gained three out of four against Portugal and with Italy losing one of her matches with Portugal, N. Ireland clearly qualified. Then in Sweden, after a play-off with Czechoslovakia, whom she beat for the second time (the Czechs on the other hand had trounced the Argentinians who had beaten N. Ireland), Northern Ireland lost by four clear goals to France in the quarter-finals. But they had suffered more grievously than any other country through injuries—particularly to both goalkeepers, Gregg and Uprichard.

Considering the small territory of selection the number of great players to come from the Six Counties is remarkable. There were several in the 1958 World Cup party—Alf McMichael at full-back, Danny Blanchflower at wing-half (his brother Jack would have been at centre-half but for the injuries he had received a few months before in the Manchester United air disaster at Munich), Jimmy McIlroy at inside-forward and Peter McParland on the left wing—on paper at any rate because in fact in the absence of an international-class centre-forward McParland had often in the course of a match to do that.

With the possible exception of McMichael all these might have been expected to flourish in the qualifying matches for this present World Cup and with Bingham, Dougan and McAdams all potential match-winners to join with them, a trip to Chile must have seemed possible a year ago. In fact the three matches played have all ended in defeats—for once the magic that seemed to be in the green shirt of Ireland and that could make "unpredictable" players play at their best when on international duty, has failed and most of them have played below even club form. Perhaps the lack of success that has attended Peter Doherty in his club managerial posts has come to plague his managing of the national team—certainly with Northern, as with the Republic, substantial rebuilding seems to be required.

Seven of the Colo Colo team from Chile play for the Chilean national team. Recently they lost to Real Madrid 2-0 during the Spaniards' tour. Team pictured left to right: Montalva, Navarro, Guevara, Alvarez, Jorge Toro, Soto, Valdes, Pena, Bello, Ortiz and goalkeeper Escutti. Guevara, Alvarez, Valdes and Pena are uncapped at present.

CHILE PLAN TO BE HOST WINNERS

BACK from a trip embracing different European countries, Fernando Riera, the Chilean National team's coach for the next World Cup Championship, has declared to officials, trainers and journalists, that he was proud to report that Chilean football is heading in the right direction and the plan, started in 1958, is producing good results at the present time (writes Johnny Tepermann A.).

The last international football season in Chile is considered one of the best ever seen, not only with regard to statistical results, but also in judging the performance of Chilean players.

In the current year, the Chilean National team has played six matches against foreign selections, all of them at home. Yet the first match was really discouraging. The result, a 4-1 defeat, was against Red Star Bratislava, a Czechoslovakian team with a typical Latin-American way of playing. A week later the Chilean reserve team, trained by the university teacher and coach Luis Alamos, beat the Eastern Europeans 2-1. This happened early in January. Riera was depressed and decided to prepare his team intensively for the next important event, the return match with the West German team.

Previously, Riera arranged a match with the Peruvian National team preparing themselves at the time for World Cup ties with Colombia. At half-time the Chilean side were two down. The trainer ordered some changes which brought about a brilliant second half recovery and five goals to the home side. Outstanding for Chile was Eladio Rojas, the Everton wing-half from the north of the country.

A week later, the match with the Germans took place. More than 60,000 gathered in the National Stadium and as the game began it was clear to the spectators that the characteristics of the two teams differed. The local side, quick and anxious to score, contrasted with the practical and disciplined moves of the Germans. Leonel Sanchez, the Universidad de Chile inside-forward, scored for Chile but Richard Kress nullified this score a minute later.

Sanchez added a second following bewildering raids from constant pressure. Rojas capped a five star display with a third goal.

This victory allowed coach Riera to expect optimistic results from the two O'Higgins Cup games with Brazil, trained by Aymore Moreira, cousin of the famous Zeze Moreira. The team the latter brought was an adequate mixture of new faces and old favourites.

Both matches were won by Brazil by the odd goal following hard encounters. Some critics considered that Brazilian football was declining but others said that the Chileans represented a powerful threat in the 1962 finals.

Earmarked for particular praise were goalkeeper Escutti and full-backs Navarro and Eyzaguirre, who subdued the 1958 World Cup stars from Brazil, Garrincha and Didi. In both matches the respective sides showed similar characteristics in technique and system of playing but the visitors won due to their having some individual superiority.

The Chilean trainer will keep this side together and will arrange other games before the finals next year. An invitation was extended to the Colombian side following their dismissal of Peru in the World Cup preliminaries but the offer was declined. At present three matches have been arranged: two with Uruguay and another with Russia who arrive in South America in November. It is also possible that several matches with Argentina will be played in Rancagua.

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ERIC BATTY selects his own world's top players

The Eleven Best Men?

GROSICS (Tatabanya and Hungary)
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PELE (Santos and Brazil) PUSKAS (Real Madrid)
KUBALA (Barcelona and Spain) DI STEFANO (Real Madrid and Spain) GENTO (Real Madrid and Spain)

WHO is the best outside-right in the world—who is the best 'keeper, Guardameta or Portiere? Arguments on this topic are as popular now as ever before, despite the fact that they can never be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Some prefer full-backs to be big and strong; others prefer the more cautious type who do not care to run and are not often forced to it, while some of us have difficulty in even considering those that do not play for our local team. I do not claim to settle any arguments—in fact it is more than probable that my selection will merely spark off another series of heated discussions.

Very few players suddenly descend on the football world as stars. More often than not the most popular players acquire their reputations over a period of years until they reach the late twenties and thus it is that my selection is in many respects similar to that which I made last season.

The choice of goalkeepers is as always wide—Grosics just as brilliant as ever at 35, Yachin recently omitted from the Russian XI but only I suspect because he has reached the age where he should be replaced and not because he's in fact past his best, and among the younger group the new Austrian find, Fraydl. Ramallets, who was a strong candidate for my vote last year, had a bad spell at the end of the season and in the space of a few short weeks was blamed for his club losing the European Cup; being knocked out of the Spanish Cup and finally lost his international place.

Sweden's Orvar Bergmark and Nilton Santos of Brazil were my full-back choice and I really see no reason to change it. Nilton De Sordi (Brazil) and England's Jim Armfield are strong contestants for the right flank; Yusufi (Yugoslavia) and Czechoslovakia's captain, Ladislav Novak, also figure prominently in my reckoning, but Bergmark and Santos have everything I look for in a full-back and skill to spare.

Centre-half is a little more difficult. Santamaria is still playing as brilliantly as ever, but here I think that the performances of Benfica's Germano have been too outstanding to be ignored. Only 28, bearded and heavily moustached, Germano Figueiredo has the appearance of a veteran which is accentuated by the fact that he has an uncanny sense of anticipation. Three years ago he was with unknown Atletico de Lisboa in the Portuguese second division.

The wing-half positions probably throw up more candidates for a prospective World XI than any other position. Tottenham's Irish captain, Danny Blanchflower, played a vitally important role in his club's success and has been one of the few British players to earn international acclaim in recent years. To be in a position to judge Blanchflower's contribution to the Spurs it is necessary to see him on one of his rare off days when it will be noticeable that the entire team is similarly "off". The other wing-half is in my estimation a straight fight between Paul Bonga Bonga and Jesus Garay. The latter switched to left-half by Barcelona after many years as a first class centre-half for Atletico Bilbao, turned in some magnificent performances in his new position for CFB, while Bonga is the outstanding player produced by the Congo thus far and a player of considerable skill and even greater potential.

Ladislav Kubala earns a place in my team, for guiding Barcelona to the European Cup final and all but winning the trophy for them. Others may well prefer one of the Brazilian pair, Garrincha or Dorval, but while I can well understand that they could find a place in someone else's side, I include Kubala as much for his past performances as the fine football he served up from Barcelona's right wing.

The rest of the attack is exactly the same as my last choice—Pele, Di Stefano, Puskas and Gento. Pele, now nearing his twenty-first birthday, is quite outstanding for one so young. In front of goal he is perhaps even more dangerous now than he was when he first burst upon the world's headlines back in June, 1958, but after assuming the responsibilities of the general in the Santos attack his game has developed in all directions.

As director of a team no one can outshine Real Madrid's Di Stefano. Perhaps he is not as dangerous personally now as he was once but it is difficult to judge because his game has changed since Puskas established himself as the main spearhead. Even so Di Stefano scored more goals last season than any other player in Spain, apart from Puskas, despite the fact that he spent most of last season recovering from a nervous illness which he contracted in the autumn.

Together with Puskas and Gento, Di Stefano makes up a trio that has no equal anywhere in the world. As individuals or *en bloc* they would stand out in any company—and remain the biggest crowd pullers.

Naturally enough there are many other forwards who come near to claiming recognition. Coutinho is an outstanding example—Pele's clubmate who will assuredly attract much attention in the next World Cup. These two have developed a high degree of understanding and carve out goal-scoring chances for each other with almost ridiculous simplicity.

Real Madrid's Luis Del Sol, still only twenty-five, is one of the few players who have risen to the "great" category during the last twelve months. His improvement since joining Madrid and being switched to inside-right has really been remarkable. With Betis he earned caps at right-half and outside-right without earning undue recognition and even now is one of the most under-rated players.

Big John Charles and Enrique Sivori are another pair who have been largely responsible for the success of their club and without them Juventus would surely not be Italian champions. Together they constitute a constant threat and while many people firmly believe that one or two players cannot make a team great they disprove it every week!

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SVS-Linz v. Schwechat; Admira-Energie v. Rapid; SAK v. Kapfenberg; GAK v. WAC; Austria v. Wr. Neustadt; Vienna v. Simmering; Sportklub v. LASK.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

WAC v. SVS Linz; Schwechat v. Admira-Energie; Rapid v. SAK; LASK v. Kapfenberg; Wr. Neustadt v. GAK; Simmering v. Austria; Sportklub v. Vienna.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Simmering v. SVS Linz; Wr. Neustadt v. Admira-Energie; WAC v. SAK; Schwechat v. Kapfenberg; LASK v. Rapid; Sportklub v. GAK; Vienna v. Austria.

ENGLAND

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Aston Villa v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Arsenal v. Blackpool; Birmingham City v. Wolverhampton Wanderers; Bolton Wanderers v. Tottenham Hotspur; Burnley v. Blackburn Rovers; Everton v. Nottingham Forest; Fulham v. Aston Villa; Ipswich Town v. West Ham United; Leicester City v. Sheffield United; Manchester City v. Cardiff City; Sheffield Wednesday v. Chelsea; West Bromwich Albion v. Manchester United.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Aston Villa v. Sheffield Wednesday; Blackburn Rovers v. Arsenal; Blackpool v. Bolton Wanderers; Chelsea v. Leicester City; Manchester United v. Birmingham City; Nottingham Forest v. Fulham; Sheffield United v. Ipswich Town; Tottenham Hotspur v. Manchester City; West Ham United v. Burnley; Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Everton.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Cardiff City v. West Bromwich Albion.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Arsenal v. Manchester United; Birmingham City v. Chelsea; Bolton Wanderers v. Wolverhampton Wanderers; Burnley v. Cardiff City; Everton v. Sheffield United; Fulham v. West Ham United; Ipswich Town v. Tottenham Hotspur; Leicester City v. Blackpool; Manchester City v. Nottingham Forest; Sheffield Wednesday v. Blackburn Rovers; West Bromwich Albion v. Aston Villa.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Aston Villa v. Birmingham City; Blackburn Rovers v. Leicester City; Blackpool v. Ipswich Town; Cardiff City v. Arsenal; Chelsea v. Everton; Manchester United v. Bolton Wanderers; Nottingham Forest v. West Bromwich Albion; Sheffield United v. Fulham; Tottenham Hotspur v. Burnley; West Ham United v. Sheffield Wednesday; Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Manchester City.

FRANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Reims v. Sochaux; Nancy v. Rennes; Strasbourg v. Metz; Angers v. Toulouse; R.C. Paris v. Sedan; Le Havre v. Lyon; St. Etienne v. Rouen; Monaco v. Montpellier; Nimes v. St. Francais; Lens v. Nice.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Sedan v. Lens; Metz v. Monaco; Sochaux v. Nancy; Rennes v. Le Havre; St. Francais v. St. Etienne; Rouen v. Reims; Lyon v. Nimes; Nice v. Strasbourg; Montpellier v. Angers; Toulouse v. R.C. Paris.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Sedan v. Nice; Nancy v. Lyon; Strasbourg v. Toulouse; Angers v. Reims; R.C. Paris v. Rennes; Le Havre v. Montpellier; St. Etienne v. Metz; Monaco v. Rouen; Nimes v. Sochaux; Lens v. St. Francais.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Reims v. Sedan; Nancy v. Metz; Sochaux v. Strasbourg; Rennes v. Angers; St. Francais v. R.C. Paris; Rouen v. Le Havre; St. Etienne v. Lyon; Monaco v. Nice; Nimes v. Montpellier; Toulouse v. Lens.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Sedan v. Sochaux; Metz v. Lens; Strasbourg v. Monaco; Rennes v. St. Etienne; R.C. Paris v. Nimes; Le Havre v. St. Francais; Lyon v. Reims; Nice v. Angers; Montpellier v. Nancy; Toulouse v. Rouen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Nancy v. Sedan; Reims v. Rennes; Sochaux v. Montpellier; Angers v. Le Havre; St. Francais v. Nice; Rouen v. Strasbourg; St. Etienne v. Toulouse; Monaco v. Lyon; Nimes v. Metz; Lens v. R.C. Paris.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Sedan v. St. Etienne; Metz v. St. Francais; Strasbourg v. Reims; Angers v. Monaco; R.C. Paris v. Rouen; Le Havre v. Nancy; Lyon v. Lens; Nice v. Sochaux; Montpellier v. Rennes; Toulouse v. Nimes

NORTHERN IRELAND

(City Cup)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Glentoran v. Bangor; Linfield v. Derry City; Cliftonville v. Glenavon; Portadown v. Distillery; Coleraine v. Ballymena United; Ards v. Crusaders.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Glenavon v. Ards; Derry City v. Cliftonville; Bangor v. Linfield; Ballymena United v. Glentoran; Distillery v. Coleraine; Crusaders v. Portadown.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Glentoran v. Distillery; Linfield v. Ballymena United; Cliftonville v. Bangor; Glenavon v. Derry City; Coleraine v. Crusaders; Ards v. Portadown.

SCOTLAND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Airdrieonians v. Rangers; Dundee v. Kilmarnock; Hibernian v. Falkirk; Partick Thistle v. Dunfermline Athletic; Raith Rovers v. Motherwell; St. Johnstone v. Celtic; St. Mirren v. Aberdeen; Stirling Albion v. Heart of Midlothian; Third Lanark v. Dundee United.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Aberdeen v. Heart of Midlothian; Celtic v. Stirling Albion; Dundee United v. St. Mirren; Dunfermline Athletic v. St. Johnstone; Falkirk v. Partick Thistle; Hibernian v. Airdrieonians; Kilmarnock v. Third Lanark; Motherwell v. Dundee; Rangers v. Raith Rovers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Dundee United v. Kilmarnock; Dunfermline Athletic v. Dundee; Falkirk v. Aberdeen; Heart of Midlothian v. Celtic; Motherwell v. Rangers; Partick Thistle v. Hibernian; St. Johnstone v. Stirling Albion; St. Mirren v. Airdrieonians; Third Lanark v. Raith Rovers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Aberdeen v. Motherwell; Airdrieonians v. St. Johnstone; Celtic v. Dunfermline Athletic; Dundee v. Partick Thistle; Hibernian v. Third Lanark; Kilmarnock v. Falkirk; Raith Rovers v. Dundee United; Rangers v. Heart of Midlothian; Stirling Albion v. St. Mirren.

SPAIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Atletico Bilbao v. Tenerife; Zaragoza v. Real Sociedad; Osasuna v. Elche; Real Betis v. Santander; Oviedo v. Sevilla; Espanol v. Valencia; Mallorca v. Atletico Madrid; Real Madrid v. Barcelona.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Atletico Bilbao v. Real Madrid;

Atletico Madrid v. Tenerife; Barcelona v. Zaragoza; Elche v. Espanol; Sevilla v. Real Betis; Valencia v. Mallorca; Real Sociedad v. Oviedo; Santander v. Osasuna.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Zaragoza v. Atletico Bilbao; Mallorca v. Elche; Real Betis v. Real Sociedad; Osasuna v. Sevilla; Espanol v. Santander; Oviedo v. Barcelona; Atletico Madrid v. Valencia; Tenerife v. Real Madrid.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Real Madrid v. Zaragoza; Elche v. Atletico Madrid; Barcelona v. Real Betis; Sevilla v. Espanol; Atletico Bilbao v. Oviedo; Santander v. Mallorca; Real Sociedad v. Osasuna; Tenerife v. Valencia.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Zaragoza v. Tenerife; Valencia v. Elche; Real Betis v. Atletico Bilbao; Mallorca v. Sevilla; Espanol v. Real Sociedad; Osasuna v. Barcelona; Atletico Madrid v. Santander; Oviedo v. Real Madrid.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Real Madrid v. Real Betis; Sevilla v. Atletico Madrid; Barcelona v. Espanol; Tenerife v. Elche; Zaragoza v. Oviedo; Atletico Bilbao v. Osasuna; Real Sociedad v. Mallorca; Santander v. Valencia.

WEST GERMANY

(South-West)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

SC Ludwigshafen v. Saarbrucken; TUS Neuendorf v. Neunkirchen; SV SAAR 05 v. FK Pirmasens; SPFR Saarbr. v. FC Kaiserl (sa); VFR Kaiserslaut v. Mainz 05; Eintracht Trier v. Wormatia.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

FC Saarbrucken v. SV Saar 05; Neunkirchen v. SPFR Saabr (sa); Eintracht Kreuznach v. Tura L'hafen; Phonix L'hafen v. BSC Oppau (sa).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

FC Kaiserslaut v. FC Saarbrucken; BSC Oppau v. Neunkirchen; Woematia Worms v. FK Pirmasens; Tura L'hafen v. Mainz 05; SPFR Saarbrucken v. SC Ludwigsh (sa); Eintracht Trier v. SV Saar 05 (sa); TUS Neuendorf v. Phonix L'hafen; WFR Kaiserslaut v. Kreuznach.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Wormatia Worms v. FC Saarbrucken; Neunkirchen v. FC Kaiserslaut; FK Pirmasens v. Tura Ludwigsh (sa); Mainz 05 v. BSC Oppau; Phonix L'hafen v. SPFR Saarbrucken; SV Saar 05 v. Eintracht Kreuznach; SC Ludwigshafen v. Eintracht Trier; TUS Neuendorf v. Kaiseeslaut.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Tura L'hafen v. FC Saarbrucken (sa); Woematia Worms v. Neunkirchen; BSC Oppau v. FK Pirmasens; FC Kaiserslaut v. FSV Mainz 05; SPFR Saarbrucken v. FC Kaiserslaut (sa); TUS Neuendorf v. SV Saar 05; Eintracht Trier v. Phonix L'hafen; Kreuznach v. SC Ludwigsch (sa).

(South)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Karlsruher v. FC Nurnberg; Bayern Munchen v. Eintracht Frankfurt; Bayern Hof v. Kickers Offenbach; FSV Frankfurt v. SSV Reutlingen; BC Augsburg v. Munchen 1860; VFB Stuttgart v. Schwaben Augsburg; VFR Mannheim v. Schweinfurt 05; SPVGG Furth v. SV Waldhof.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

FC Nurnberg v. Bayern Munchen; Eintracht Frankfurt v. VFB Stuttgart; Schweinfurt 05 v. Karlsruher; Kickers Offenbach v. SPVGG Furth; SSV Reutlingen v. BC Augsburg; Munchen 1860 v. Bayern Hof; SCHW Augsburg v. VRF Mannheim; SV Waldhof v. FSV Frankfurt.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

BC Augsburg v. FC Nurnberg; SPVGG Furth v. Eintracht Frankfurt; VFB Stuttgart v. Karlsruher; VFR Mannheim v. Kickers Offenbach; SSV Reutlingen v. Munchen 1860; Bayern Munchen v. SV Waldhof; Bayern Hof v. Schwaben Augsburg; FSV Frankfurt v. Schweinfurt 05.

(West)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

1.FC Koln v. Westfalia Herne; SV Sodingen v. Bor. Dortmund; Meidericher SV v. FC Schalke 04; Rot-Weiss Oberhausen v. Bor. Monchengladbach; Alemannia v. Hamborn 07; Preussen Munster v. Duisburger SV; Fortuna Dusseldorf v. Viktoria Koln; TSV Marl-Huls v. Schwarz-Weiss Essen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Hamborn 07 v. 1.FC Koln; Bor. Dortmund v. Fortuna Dusseldorf; FC Schalke 04 v. SV Sodingen; Viktoria Koln v. R-W Oberhausen; Westfalia Hern v. TSV Marl Huls; Bor. Monchengladbach v. Meidericher SV; Duisburger SV v. Alemannia Aachen; Schwarz-Weiss Essen v. Preussen Munster.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

1.FC Koln v. Bor. Monchengladbach; TSV Marl-Huls v. Bor. Dortmund; Alemannia v. FC Schalke 04; R-W Oberhausen v. Westfalia Herne; 1.FC Koln v. Bor. Monchengladbach; SV Sodingen v. Hamborn 07; Preussen Munster v. Viktoria Koln; Meidericher SpV v. Fortuna Dusseldorf.

(North)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Bremer SV v. Hamburger SV; Altona v. Werder Bremen; Braunschweig v. VfL Osnabruck; FC St. Pauli v. Concordia (sa); Hannover 96 v. Holstein Kiel; VfB Oldenburg v. VfV Hildesheim; VfR Neumunster v. Eintracht Nordhorn; Bremerhaven v. Bergedorf.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

FC St. Pauli v. VfB Oldenburg (Sa); Eintracht Nordhorn v. Hannover 96 (Sa); Bergedorf v. Altona 93 (Sa); VfV Hildesheim v. Neumunster (Sa); Braunschweig v. Bremer SV (Sa).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Hamburger SV v. Holstein Kiel; Werder Bremen v. St. Pauli; VfL Osnabruck v. Eintracht Nordhorn; Hannover 96 v. Braunschweig; Concordia v. Altona 93 (Sa); VfV Hildesheim v. Bergedorf; VfB Oldenburg v. Bremerhaven 93; Neumunster v. Bremer SV.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Bremerhaven v. Hamburger SV; Bergedorf v. Werder Bremen; Bremer SV v. VfL Osnabruck; FC St. Pauli v. Hannover 96; Altona 93 v. VfB Oldenburg; Holstein Kiel v. VfV Hildesheim; Braunschweig v. Eintracht Nordhorn; Concordia v. VfR Neumunster.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Hamburger SV v. VfV Hildesheim; Werder Bremen v. Concordia; VfR Neumunster v. VfL Osnabruck; FC St. Pauli v. Braunschweig; Hannover 96 v. Bremer SV; VfB Oldenburg v. Holstein Kiel; Eintracht Nordhorn v. Bremerhaven.

BELGIUM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Union St. Gill v. FC Diest; 01 Charleroi v. Standard CL; Lierse SK v. CS Brugeois; St. Trond VV v. La Gantoise; Antwerp FC v. Beerschot AC; FC Brugeois v. Daring CB; FC Liégeois v. Anderlecht SC; E. Alost v. Waterschei.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

FC Diest v. St. Trond VV; SC Anderlecht v. Lierse SK; Daring CB v. 01 Charleroi; Waterschei v. Union St. Gill; Beerschot AC v. E. Alost; CS Brugeois v. FC Brugeois; Standard CL v. FC Liégeois; La Gantoise v. Antwerp FC.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Union St. Gill v. Antwerp FC; 01 Charleroi v. La Gantoise; Daring CB v. SC Anderlecht; St. Trond VV v. Waterschei; Beerschot AC v. FC Liégeois; FC Brugeois v. Lierse SK; Standard CL v. CS Brugeois; E. Alost v. FC Diest.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

FC Diest v. Daring CB; SC Anderlecht v. Union St. Gill; Lierse SK v. St. Trond VV; Waterschei v. Standard CL; Antwerp FC v. 01 Charleroi; CS Brugeois v. Beerschot AC; FC Liégeois v. E. Alost; La Gantoise v. FC Brugeois.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

FC Diest v. Waterschei; Daring CB v. E. Alost; 01 Charleroi v. FC Liégeois; St. Trond VV v. FC Brugeois; Beerschot AC v. Union St. Gill; CS Brugeois v. Antwerp FC; Standard CL v. Lierse SK; La Gantoise v. SC Anderlecht.

SWEDEN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Degerfors v. IFK Malmo; Goteborg v. Orebro; Hammarby v. Norrkoping; Halsingborg v. Elfsborg; Malmo FF v. AIK; Sandviken v. Orgryte.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

AIK v. Sandviken; Elfsborg v. Orgryte; Goteborg v. Malmo FF; IFK Malmo v. Hammarby; Norrkoping v. Halsingborg; Orebro v. Degerfors.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Degerfors v. AIK; Hammarby v. Goteborg; Halsingborg v. Orebro; Malmo FF v. Norrkoping; Sandviken v. Elfsborg; Orgryte v. IFK Malmo.

BELGIAN'S TRAINER LIST

SIX of the sixteen clubs in the Belgian First Division changed trainers during the close season. They are: Antwerp F.C., Beerschot A.C., Daring C.B., Lierse S.K., the champions Standard C.L. and Waterschei.

Trainers now are: **E. Alost:** Geersten (Belgian); **SC Anderlecht:** Sinibaldi (Frenchman); **Antwerp FC:** Hummenberger (Austrian); **Beerschot AC.** D'Hollander (Belgian); **CS Brugeois:** E. Delfour (Frenchman); **FC Brugeois:** N. Hoffling (Roumanian); **Daring C.B.:** L. Denayer (Belgian); **Diest F.C.:** Vercammen (Belgian); **La Gantoise:** L. Verstraeten (Belgian); **FC Liégeois:** Cornili (Frenchman); **Lierse S.K.:** Devos (Belgian); **St. Trond VV:** Goethals (Belgian); **Standard C.L.:** J. Prouff (Frenchman); **Ol. Charleroi:** Grunbaum (Roumanian); **Union St. Gilloise:** Dekens (Belgian); **Waterschei:** L. Carré (Belgian).

There are 9 Belgians, 4 French, 2 Roumanians and 1 Austrian.

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IRISH LEAGUE TAKE NECESSARY STEPS

Collective training can solve old problems, says ***COLM DEVLIN***

IT is generally acknowledged that the plan to gather together a group of about twenty-five Irish League players for collective training each week is the most progressive and enlightened step forward in Irish soccer for some time.

These young players will be under the guidance of ex-Glasgow Celtic and Northern Ireland captain, Bertie Peacock, and here the officials responsible must be congratulated on their choice for Peacock is one of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic players in the British Isles and has already demonstrated, with Coleraine, that he can extract the best from players under his control.

It was obvious last season that quite a few of the present international side were not giving of their best in matches. There was in most international games a disconcerting lack of enthusiasm and effort. I doubt if the selectors will be content to ignore this fact much longer. It is surely preferable to field a team which would include some young but enthusiastic youngsters, although inexperienced at the moment, than to continue with the present rather lackadaisical side. It will doubtless be some time before Peacock's efforts bear fruit as regards the international side but I have no doubt that this season's Irish League teams will show an immediate improvement.

The opening games in the Ulster Cup confirmed my opinion that the strongest teams this season will be Linfield, Glentoran, Glenavon and Coleraine. Linfield had a runaway opening win when they defeated Distillery 8-2 in their first game. From what I saw of the Grosvenor Park side, manager Eastham has a severe task on his hands. The Distillery defence was over-run and just did not seem to be able to stop the rampant Linfield forward line in which newcomers Hubert Barr and captain Tommy Dickson were the stars. Last season the Distillery defence conceded 103 goals in 38 matches in the League, Ulster Cup and City Cup. On early season form they will need to show a lot of improvement if they are not to concede an even greater number this year. Distillery have an eager and clever forward line and if the defence could be strengthened they would be an attractive side to watch.

Newcastle United winger Liam Tuohy takes a tumble as he is foiled by Arsenal full-back Billy McCullough in front of goal during an English First Division match last season. (Central Press.)

Distillery's initial defeat was partly caused by the non-appearance of one of their Scottish players which resulted in a last minute defence shuffle. This brings me to the question of whether it is advisable for local sides to depend on too many part-timers from across the Irish Sea? Bangor have eight part-time Scots on their books and apart from not being available for training and the all important team practice, air travel in winter is not dependable especially later in the season.

Derry City have six Scottish players signed but are fortunate in that four of them are residing locally. One cannot but admire the Derry club and Supporters Association in the effort they are making to rekindle enthusiasm for the game in the North West.

Young man with the promise of a brilliant future in the game is Glenavon inside-right Arthur Griffiths. Making his senior début against Ards he combined perfectly with Jimmy Jones and had the satisfaction of scoring the winning goal in true story-book fashion. For him it was not the kind of fluke that is made to look a cracking match-winner, it was a superbly taken effort. Manager Jimmy McAlinden was well pleased with the performance.

But there is even more fantasy to the tale. Griffiths played his first ever match for the club the previous Saturday when he "hat-tricked" Queen's University for Glenavon Reserves. He impressed as a centre-forward with all the attributes of an outstanding player. Glenavon officials had no hesitation in selecting him for the Wednesday match with Ards.

There is just one snag to the story. Griffiths is in the Army and unfortunately is an Englishman!

Australians get McPhail

GEORGE McPhail, 24-year-old soccer star valued at £15,000 on the British transfer market, has arrived in Sydney from Scotland. This cheerful, smiling, blindingly red-headed player, who has a Scottish Cup winner's medal and three Under-23 International caps, will be one of the big guns in Gladesville-Ryde's bid for the Sydney premiership next year.

Equally happy as left-half or inside-left, McPhail has been playing football ever since he can remember. He made his way up through all the junior ranks until he reached first division status with Clyde. The president of Gladesville-Ryde Club, Mr. John Thompson, himself a former Scottish player, recently visited Great Britain on business—and to seek some soccer talent for his team. He talked to McPhail and his wife Anna about Australia and managed to lure them to Sydney.

Gladesville is not all that concerned about playing the footballer in the first division team this season. The side is well down the table and cannot possibly make the semi-finals. But next year will be another story. Meanwhile, McPhail will have a few runs with the reserves.

McPhail was in the Clyde team that won the Scottish Cup two years ago. His club valued him at £15,000, a sum it could easily have obtained from several English clubs. But because he genuinely wanted to migrate to Australia, Clyde gave him a free clearance.

He is looking forward to meeting and playing against Vernon Wentzel of Apia-Leichhardt. These two had several previous meetings on the field when Wentzel was a star player with Kilmarnock.

Hakoah had a splendid chance of taking over fourth place on the table from Polonia-North Side in the 18th round of the Sydney soccer premiership competition but failed through an unlucky miskick.

Showing plenty of speed and aggression Hakoah dominated play in the early stages of the match. In the 11th minute, centre-forward Raffi Levy beat Polonia goalie Mario Varglien with a terrific shot from an awkward angle 20 yards out. It appeared likely that Hakoah would hold the score at 1-0 to the end. Though the team's attack lost some of its drive in the second half, the defence remained solid and sure.

Full-back Jock Aird destroyed several forays by the Polonia forwards into his territory. He was playing so well that he seemed incapable of making a mistake. Yet, halfway through the half, in attempting to clear from opposing centre-forward Joe Galeczka and right-winger William Pilot he miskicked and drove the ball into his own net.

HUNGARY HAS TEAM PROBLEMS

Hungary still experiments with old and new players with the World Cup in mind

LAJOS BAROTI, Hungary's team manager, who recently resigned but was persuaded to take on again under a mutual agreement for closer co-operation between him and club coaches, talked a few days later of the problems of team-building.

He had just announced a new selected pool of 30, after a two hour discussion with first division team coaches. From this pool will be chosen the team for the autumn internationals and for the 1962 World Cup.

But, he warned, no position was sacred. Changes could be made at any time for decline in form lack of discipline or any other good reason.

The chosen 30 are: Goalkeepers: Török, Szentmihályi, Grosics. Full-backs: Rajna, Novák, Kárpáti, Sipos, Mészöly, Mátrai, Sóvári, Sárosi, Dalnoki. Backs: Solymosi, Nagy (MTK), Palotai, Kotász, Szini, Kovács III. Forwards: Sándor, Mathesz, Göröcs, Machos, Tichy, Albert, Monostori II, Komora, Farkas, Rákosi, Dr. Fenyvesi, Taliga.

It was noted that not only the names of some new young players, but also some old ones who once made the grade a year or two back and were then dropped, were included.

"The pool" said Lajos Baróti "was compiled as a result of two discussions with first division coaches. Those placed in the pool who, according to our opinion, cannot only achieve their best performances but can surpass it, and in whom there is an ability to make their form constant.

"My idea is that for every position of the selected team there should be at least two footballers of approximately the same ability at our disposal. This is important because then we need not regroup in case of injuries or sudden fall in form. It is also important because, when there are a great number of matches to be played, one or other player might have to be rested and the position played by a suitable reserve".

Asked what positions worried him most, Baróti said: "The greatest worries are still on the right-wing. With the exception of Sándor the situation is not at all reassuring. Mathesz could only ease these worries if he would show favourable change in his fighting spirit and if he could make his good form permanent. At present there is still a lot of wavering in his play. He is a moody player who, after an outstanding performance, sometimes surprises the experts with very weak play.

"The situation on the left-wing is not much better. Doctor Fenyvesi is the only fixed point. I am experimenting with Farkas, who has the ability, but the wing position is new to him.

"I am satisfied with the abilities of those earmarked for the forward trio and the back pair, and I have no worries as regards centre-back and left-back position. For the centre-forward position Machos, Tichy, Monostori and, if he gets back his form and desire to play again, Albert are equally suitable. The position of inside-left could be played either by Tichy, Monostori or Rákosi who has great stamina, or Komora who was promising several years ago and is now really developing.

"Of the centre-backs Sipos and Mészöly are at present outstanding. The only worry about Dálnoki, Sovári and Sárosi is to decide who should play left-back from amongst them."

Baróti gave a "watch it" warning about Gyula Grosics who, with 75 caps, has held an unchallenged position in the Hungarian goal for ten years. He said: "Grosics can only maintain his place if, during the championship matches he doesn't slip up as he has done lately, a factor which influenced the results of our last two selected matches."

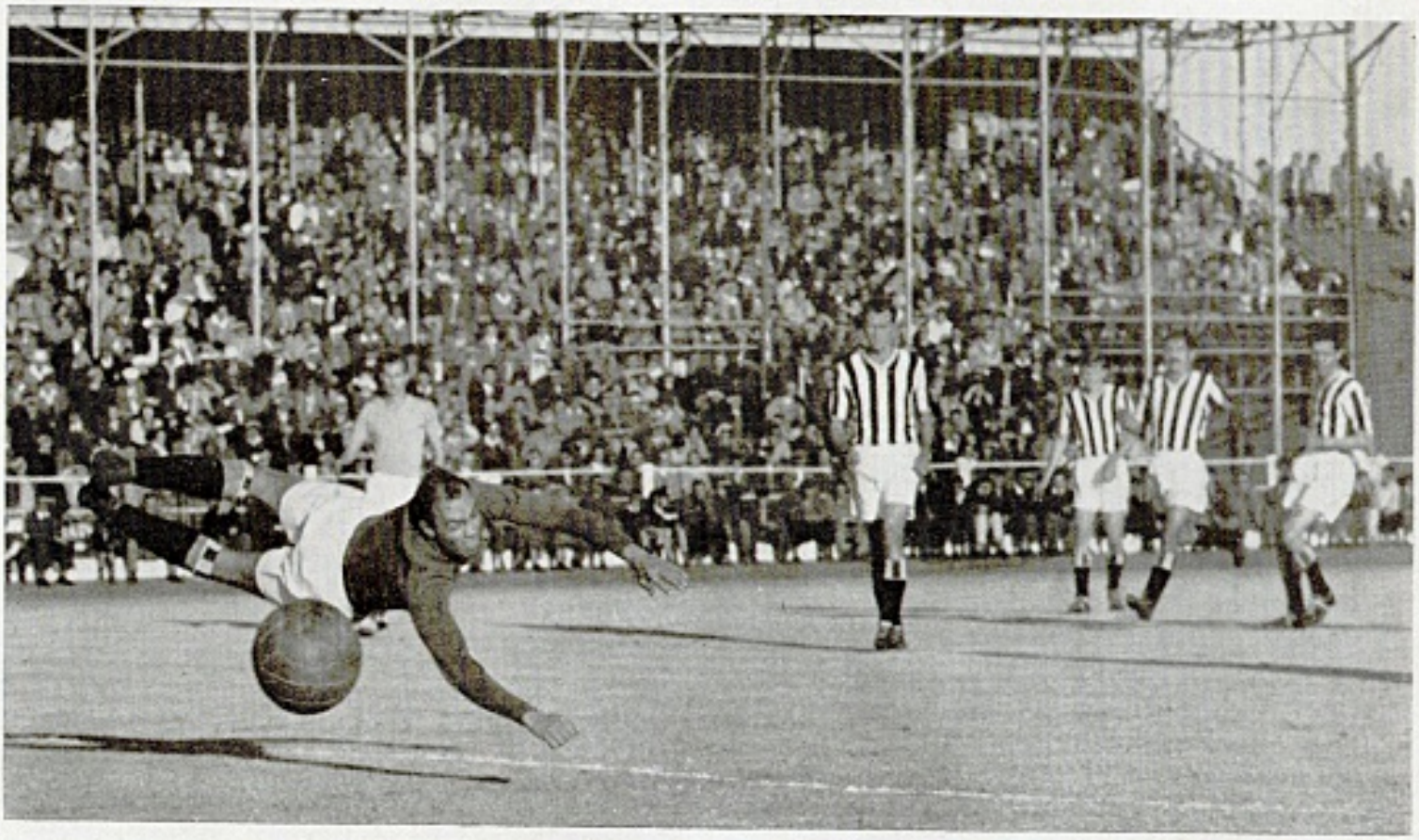
Hungary are obviously aiming to a smart return to the days when their soccer was highly regarded throughout the world. There is every reason for them to look to the future with the utmost confidence that can be permitted short of over-emphasising their chances.

There is little doubt that during the last World Cup competition they disappointed considerably. However, since they learn quickly from their mistakes, the Hungarians are likely to prove one of the strongest of the European challengers in Chile next year, assuming their efforts at reaching the final stages of the competition are successful of course.

But playing in another continent could have an effect on the players and every endeavour will be made to give the squad as much local atmosphere training as humanly possible.

It will be interesting to see whether the Magyars manage to produce a side capable of reaching far into the later stages of the 1962 trophy in spite of the difficulties surrounding the team selection theme.

Above: the People's Stadium in Budapest, and it is a full house of 90,000. Hungarians still do not know who will represent them in forthcoming international matches. On this page, Hungarian national team manager, Lajos Baroti, outlines his plans to overcome immediate team-building worries.



The number of professional teams in South Africa continues to grow adding to the new league's glamour; but already two of the most popular are Highlands Park and Rangers, and our photograph above shows the two old rivals in action during a league match in the new Republic.

SOUTH AFRICA AIMING HIGH

the shift from Rugger to Soccer is a sensation writes ***VERNON WOODS***

IN its second full eight months of semi-professionalism the Republic of South Africa is enjoying an unprecedented soccer boom. Despite an increased adult admission charge from 2/6 to 3/6 it is confidently estimated that the sixteen-team premier league will pull in a million spectators by the season's end. The guiding hand of the league is David Marais who is currently Mayor of South Africa's metropolis—Johannesburg.

A registered professional follows his private occupation and in effect treats soccer as pin money. He is eligible for a three year contract at an average game of one a week over the season. The minimum pay rates are:

Registration	£2
Lose	£3
Draw	£3/10/-
Win	£4

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In the warm first and last two months, games are also played under floodlights during the week. The League and £1,000 Castle Cup Knockout Competition from which players receive a slice of the "gates" are run on a National Basis thus:

	Tvl.	Natal	OFS	Total
Division I	14	2	—	16
Division II	12	10	2	24
Division III	34	12	2	48

The number of professional sides continues to grow and the inclusion of at least one Cape (1,000 miles from Johannesburg) side next season with the likelihood of entries from the Rhodesian Federation and Portugese East Africa will add to the League's glamour.

Distance travel is of necessity entirely by air. Buoyant gate revenue takes care of that. A four-game visit to the Republic during May/June by Leicester City although of immense value did no more than interrupt the virile domestic programme.

The pronounced shift to soccer in the traditional bastion of Rugby Union is the sports sensation of the new Republic.

Betting Pools are illegal but private wagering is commonplace. In a land of almost continuous sunshine and billiard playing surfaces part-time professionalism offers the player a longer than average playing career. Perhaps, more important, the player, with his normal occupation as security is not a slave to his club. He is free to play as an amateur.

A notable feature of the game here is the Substitute Rule which permits the replacement of a player up to half-time. The goalkeeper may be replaced at any time during the game. The "Penalty" to the substituted player is an eight-day suspension from match participation.

Fans cannot wait for the appearance of Vivian Granger's "The World Game Comes to South Africa" which should prove a best-seller. With his facile and pioneering pen Editor Granger has contributed much to the Republic's Soccer Revolution.

Top six teams in the League as I write were:

	Pld.	Pts.
Durban City	19	30
Highlands Park	19	28
Boksburg	19	23
Ramblers	19	23
Rangers	19	22
Southern Suburbs	18	21

Durban City are the glamour team of the competition and are favourites to take the title. However in Highlands Park they face stiff challengers who are not likely to surrender the opportunity of snatching the prize again.

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Valletta goalkeeper Tommy Taylor is seen in the above photograph saving a penalty during a league match against present Maltese Champions Hibernians F.C. (Photo Union Press, Malta).

Malta now mingles with the big names

The game in the George Cross Island has quickly reached for the sky, writes ***REM SACCO***

VALLETTA F.C., former Malta Champions, will this season be without Eire International goalkeeper Tommy Taylor, who has left the island and after a tour of duty with the Netherlands Harbour Works. The City team owe much of their success during the past three years to this custodian who has made a name in the island. The local F.A. selected him for the match against Manchester United last May won by the latter by two clear goals.

Strangely enough, Valletta did not win one of the three major honours in Maltese football last season, the Championship going to Hibernians, a team of an industrial district while Floriana carried off the two other honours, the F.A. Trophy (local Cup) and Cassar Cup (Charity competition).

Now both Hibernians and Floriana are engaged in European competitions, the Champions meeting Servette of Switzerland whilst Floriana were drawn against Ujpest Dozsa of Hungary.

Floriana's dates were September 17 in Malta with September 27 as the return match in Budapest. The Italian F.A. new President, Dr. Pasquale, has been named by U.E.F.A. to accompany the local team to Hungary.

Hibernians do not cherish the idea of playing under floodlights in Berne for they have never played under such conditions locally. Despite this, Floriana accepted to play under floodlights in Budapest if given the opportunity to train at least once in the evening on the Ujpest ground.

Malta's season starts this month but these two mentioned teams have now been training for the past weeks in preparation for the matches against the foreign sides.

The Malta F.A. Secretary, Mr. E. Bonello, has once again been nominated for the F.I.F.A. congress being held in London shortly. He also attended last year's congress in Rome when Malta were officially admitted to F.I.F.A.

The national coach, Mr. Joe Griffiths, a qualified F.A. coach who attended his course in the U.K., has left the national side to take over Sliema Wanderers, one of the local crack sides, where his son plays in the first team.

Mr. Griffiths has coached other sides in the past having been with Rabat and Floriana.

At the annual general meeting of the Malta F.A., Dr. Maurice DeCesare was again elected President with 22 votes against the 8 votes polled by Dr. Copperstone, a former President. Dr. DeCesare, President of Sliema Wanderers F.C., and a former Member of the Legislative Assembly in Mr. Mintoff's Labour Government, draws his popularity in the Sliema district.

RAMALLETS HAS NOW RETIRED

ANTONIO RAMALLETS the Spanish international goalkeeper has announced his intention of retiring. Having gained a cap for each of his years, he has decided at 37 that the time is ripe for him to call it a day. He played for Barcelona in the last European Cup Final but did not have a happy match.

Contrast this with the many brilliant performances for club and country for which he will be long remembered.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Dalymount I am not so sure and neither I think are the Czechs. These matches will be of the utmost interest to the Scots too and though Ireland cannot qualify themselves they could do Scotland a good turn by taking a couple of points from Czechoslovakia.

One of the most interesting matches of the month counts for the Central European championship and by comparison with some of the other games is relatively unimportant. I refer of course to the Austria-Hungary clash in Vienna which is being eagerly awaited by all concerned. The Hungarians won there nine months ago but in June suffered a home defeat which has left them writhing. With Austria not competing for the World Cup their prestige at this moment is of the greatest importance, but several of their top players seem likely to leave the country and in these circumstances almost anything could happen. Certainly it should be a struggle well worth seeing.

The annual clash between Belgium and France takes place this month too, a match with the flavour of an England-Scotland derby. The French generally finish on top and will be more than ever anxious to do so this time, in order to restore a little confidence to their team— which badly needs it. Since the Kopa-Fontaine partnership was broken by injury, the form of their national team has not inspired confidence and with the vitally important visit to Sofia in the offing this will be France's last chance to find a reliable combination.

BELGIANS IMPROVED UNDER GORMLIE

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"Other clubs tried the same formula but without success. The same principle applies to Switzerland and the famous Rappan 'lock' system."

When I asked Bill Gormlie why one found no more super-stars these days, he immediately replied:

"For me, it is because the training of schoolboys (from 10 to 16 years) is not well organised. I must add that the chief trainer is signed for one year only and that consequently he has only one idea: to gain good results with the first team. As a result, he hasn't enough time to work with the youngsters who are then generally entrusted to courageous but incompetent people or to trainers of little ability. One should take more care with young players because of course they represent the future of the Belgian game.

I asked the traditional pre-season question of him. Who is your favourite team for the title? Without any hesitation Bill Gormlie replied: "Anderlecht, as their two newcomers J. P. Janssens (Union Saint Gilloise) and Puis (AS Ostende) will give the attack more incisiveness."

To conclude I talked, naturally, of Crossing Molenbeek. Bill Gormlie was formal.

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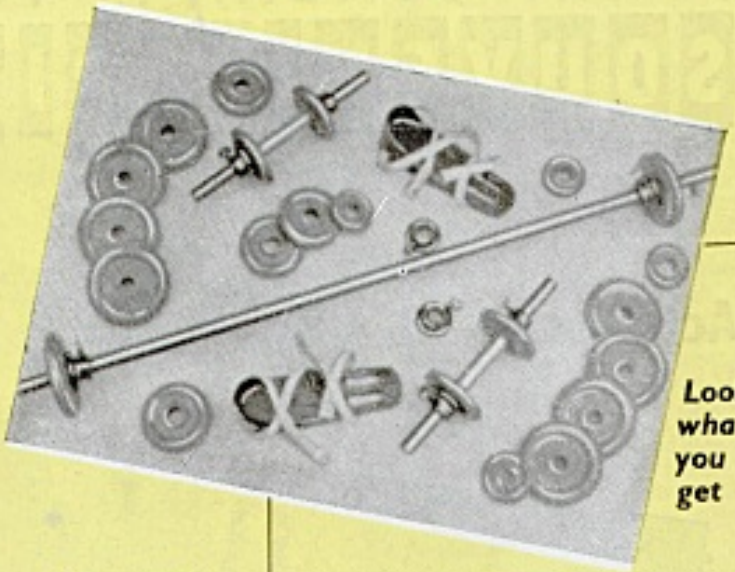

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